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March 10, 2003

TO: Wildlife Enthusiasts

FROM: Dave Brittell, Assistant Director
Wildlife Program

SUBJECT: 2003-05 HUNTING SEASON RECOMMENDATIONS

Attached are the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW) recommendations for the 2003-05 Hunting Seasons. We encourage you to review these regulations and submit your comments to WDFW, Attention 03-05 Hunting Season Comments, 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091, by March 31, 2003 or by email to wildthing@dfw.wa.gov. You are also encouraged to attend the Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting in Moses Lake on April 11-12 to provide your comments in person.

These recommendations are based on the objectives and strategies identified in the recently adopted 2003-08 Game Management Plan. They have been significantly shaped and modified after receiving public comments during the last four months and are ready for your final review prior to Commission action at the April meeting.

Disabled, Youth, and Senior Special Hunting Opportunities

One of the most significant changes in these recommendations is providing additional opportunity for disabled, youth, and senior hunters. The public identified this theme as a priority during the development of the Game Management Plan. These recommendations were developed in close coordination with the public through surveys, public meetings, email, written input, and oral comments.

A number of antlerless deer permits have been set-aside for these groups. Out of over 13,000 permits that include antlerless opportunity across the state, over 125 permits are recommended for hunters with disabilities, nearly 2,000 for youth, and 500 permits for seniors. This is in addition to continuing antlerless general season opportunity for white-tailed deer in many of the 100 series game management units (GMUs).

We are recommending that the youth and disabled hunter "any deer" season in many north central Washington GMUs be changed from a general season to a permit season. This addresses

concerns from many hunters about the general season, will allow us to better control harvest rates, and to distribute participants.

Expanded youth opportunity is also recommended for upland game birds and a new opportunity is recommended for spring turkey hunting. A new moose hunting opportunity is also recommended for hunters with disabilities. Permits are being recommended for one of the more accessible areas in northeast Washington.

Equitable Allocation of Opportunity Among Hunters

In order to reduce crowding and provide a variety of hunting opportunities, deer and elk hunters in Washington must choose between separate archery, muzzleloader, and modern firearm hunting seasons. At times, this situation results in a competition for allocation of hunting opportunity between the different groups. WDFW is developing more objective criteria for making decisions on which group should receive new opportunity. The idea is to look at statewide participation rates for each of the three groups and attempt to achieve those rates in each of seventeen districts across the state. In addition, we are trying to achieve hunter harvest, which is proportionate to group size. These criteria will result in better distribution of hunting opportunities and a more equitable way to determine which group receives available opportunity.

After careful deliberations with hunters, the attached recommendations begin to better distribute opportunity. When available, the guideline is to provide additional opportunity to the group that is furthest behind in participation rate or proportion of harvest. However, all groups would share reductions in opportunity, at some level, when necessary due to resource or management concerns.

Summary of Major Changes:

Small Game Season Recommendations:

- Establish a consistent opening day in eastern Washington for all upland birds (pheasant, chukar, gray partridge, and quail) on the first Saturday in October
- Add gray partridge and chukar to youth weekend in September
- Add a youth spring turkey hunt the weekend prior to the general season in select game management units
- Increase permit levels for fall turkey hunting
- Shorten the September eastern Washington Canada goose season to one weekend, so the days can be added to the regular season

Deer Season Recommendations:

- Extend the modern firearm general season in the Okanogan and Chelan areas by five days
- Consider restricting whitetail buck harvest in GMUs 101-124 to 3 point or better for all groups -OR- maintain whitetail buck season in GMUs 101-124 as per previous regulation; the attachment shows two options, however WDFW will make a recommendation to the Commission pending further assessment and public comment (there is an error in the

package, late archery whitetail seasons for these same units should have included both these options as well)

- Change the late whitetail season in GMUs 127-142 to permit only
- Extend antlerless mule deer for entire early season for archers in several southeast Washington GMUs
- Add antlerless mule deer opportunity in several GMUs in the Yakima and Ellensburg areas for archers during both early and late seasons
- Add late “any whitetail” opportunity in several north central Washington GMUs for archers
- Add two days onto the early muzzleloader deer season
- Expand early muzzleloader deer seasons in over 12 GMUs
- Expand or shift late muzzleloader deer seasons in 5 GMUs
- Create a separate pool of permits for muzzleloader deer hunters, with over 300 new permits
- Provide 1150 antlerless “B” tags that allow hunters to take a second deer
- Create several “deer areas” from parts of GMUs

Elk Season Recommendations:

- Modify the definition of a three point elk
- Shift the early archery elk season to start after Labor Day and run 14 days
- Add several GMUs in the Yakima and Colockum elk herd areas for early muzzleloader seasons and a couple in western Washington
- Shorten the late muzzleloader season in two units in Klickitat county
- Provide a separate pool of antlerless elk permits for muzzleloader hunters
- Create several “elk areas” from parts of GMUs

Equipment Regulation Recommendations:

- Add regulations to make the use of night vision equipment and laser sights illegal for deer and elk hunting
- Modify the archery equipment regulation to set minimum arrow weight of 300 grains

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Attachment



**PROPOSED RULE MAKING
(RCW 34.05.320)**

CR-102 (7/22/01)
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Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife

- ☒ Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 03-02-102; or
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(a) Title of rule: (Describe Subject)

Purpose:

Adopt WAC 232-28-341 2003-04, 2004-05, and 2005-06 Small game seasons.

Repeal WAC 232-28-276 2000-01, 2001-02, and 2002-03 Official hunting hours and small game seasons.

Amend WAC 232-12-068 Nontoxic shot requirement.

Other identifying information: none

(b) Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.12.047

Statute being implemented: RCW 77.12.047

(c) Summary:

WAC 232-28-341 describes hunting season timing, hunting requirements, and applicable permit levels for the following species: bobcat, raccoon, fox, coyote, forest grouse, pheasant, chukar, gray partridge, mountain quail, California quail, bobwhite, wild turkey, Canada goose, band-tailed pigeon, mourning dove, cottontail rabbits, snowshoe hare, and crow. It also describes falconry and dog training seasons. The recommended changes are calendar date shifts, removal of shooting hours (which have been relocated to WAC 232-12-289), addition of a youth hunting season for chukar, gray partridge and wild turkeys, making the opening of eastern Washington upland bird seasons consistent throughout all species (Oct. 1), expansion of fall turkey hunting opportunity in northeast Washington through an increase in permits, requiring a small game license for training dogs on wild birds, and a shortened early Canada goose season.

Repeal obsolete WAC 232-28-276 effective June 1, 2003.

The recommended change to WAC 232-12-068 is to require nontoxic shot for all of Whidbey Island pheasant release sites, not just Seaplane Base, OLF Coupeville, and Bayview release sites.

Reasons supporting proposal:

232-28-341 Establishes recreational opportunity within biological constraints.

232-12-068 There is a reasonable probability that game birds and game animals could ingest toxic shot on Whidbey Island's pheasant release sites that currently allow hunters to use lead shot.

(d) Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for:	Office Location	Telephone
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2. Implementation.... Dave Brittell, Assistant Director	NRB-Olympia	360.902.2504
3. Enforcement..... Bruce Bjork, Assistant Director	NRB-Olympia	360.902.2932

(e) Name of proponent (person or organization): Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission

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(f) Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement and fiscal matters: None

(g) Is rule necessary because of:

Federal Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, ATTACH COPY OF TEXT Citation:
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

(h) HEARING LOCATION:

Moses Lake Convention Center
1475 Nelson Road, Moses Lake, Washington 98837

Date: April 11-12, 2003 Time: 8:00 a.m.

Assistance for persons with disabilities:

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Rules Coordinator

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3/5/03

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Attn: Dave Brittell
600 Capitol Way North
Olympia, WA 98501-1091
FAX (360) 902-2162 By (date) 3/25/03

DATE OF INTENDED ADOPTION: April 11, 2003

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(j) Short explanation of rule, its purpose, and anticipated effects:

WAC 232-28-341

The rule describes hunting season timing, hunting requirements, and applicable permit levels for small game animals and describes falconry and dog-training seasons. The purpose of the rule is to maximize recreational hunting opportunities for small game, consistent with management objectives. The anticipated effect is status quo hunting opportunity, except more opportunity for youth hunters, more turkey opportunity, and less early Canada goose hunting opportunity.

WAC 232-12-068

The rule describes requirements for nontoxic shot and where it's required to hunt game birds. The purpose of the recommended change is to minimize the level of toxic shot on Whidbey Island pheasant release sites. The anticipated effect is a smaller probability of wildlife ingesting toxic shot.

Does proposal change existing rules? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, describe changes:

WAC 232-28-341

Calendar date changes for status quo seasons, increased youth hunting opportunity, shorter early Canada goose season, removal of shooting hours, and refinements in small game license requirements.

WAC 232-12-068

The proposed recommendation makes toxic shot required for all of Whidbey Island, not just Seaplane Base, OLF Coupeville, and Bayview release sites.

(k) Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

☐ Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by writing to:

telephoning: ()

faxing: ()

☒ No. Explain why no statement was prepared

These rules regulate recreational hunters and do not directly regulate small business.

(l) Does RCW 34.05.328 apply to this rule adoption? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Please explain: Not hydraulics rules.

NEW SECTION

WAC 232-28-341 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 Small game seasons

HOUND HUNTING DURING DEER AND ELK HUNTING SEASONS

It is unlawful to hunt any wildlife at night or wild animals with dogs (hounds) during the months of September, October, or November in any area open to a center-fire rifle deer or elk season. The use of hounds to hunt black bear, cougar (EXCEPT by public safety removal permit), and bobcat is prohibited year around.

BOBCAT

Bag and Possession Limits: No Limit

OPEN SEASON: Statewide

Sept. 2, 2003-Mar. 15, 2004; Sept. 7, 2004-Mar. 15, 2005; Sept. 6, 2005-Mar. 15, 2006

RACCOON

Bag and Possession Limits: No Limit

OPEN SEASON: Statewide, except CLOSED on Long Island within Willapa National Wildlife Refuge.

Sept. 2, 2003-Mar. 15, 2004; Sept. 7, 2004-Mar. 15, 2005; Sept. 6, 2005-Mar. 15, 2006

FOX

Bag and Possession Limits: No Limit

OPEN SEASON: Statewide, except CLOSED within the exterior boundaries of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan, Wenatchee, and Gifford Pinchot National Forests and GMUs 407 and 410.

Sept. 2, 2003-Mar. 15, 2004; Sept. 7, 2004-Mar. 15, 2005; Sept. 6, 2005-Mar. 15, 2006

COYOTE

Bag and Possession Limits: No Limit

OPEN SEASON: Statewide, year around except CLOSED from September 15 to November 30 in the Pasayten Wilderness, GMUs 426 and 450, and those portions of GMUs 218, 245, and 448 within the external boundaries of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan, and Wenatchee National Forests. However, coyote may only be killed and/or pursued with hounds during the following period: Sept. 2, 2003-Mar. 15, 2004; Sept. 7, 2004-Mar. 15, 2005; Sept. 6, 2005-

Mar. 15, 2006; except coyote may be hunted year around with hounds in Grant, Adams, Benton, and Franklin counties.

FOREST GROUSE (BLUE, RUFFED, AND SPRUCE)

Bag and Possession Limits: Three (3) grouse per day, with a total of nine (9) grouse in possession at any time; straight or mixed bag.

Statewide: Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2003; Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2004; Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2005

PTARMIGAN, SAGE, AND SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

Season closed statewide.

EASTERN WASHINGTON

RING-NECKED PHEASANT

Bag and Possession Limits: Three (3) cock pheasants per day, with a total of fifteen (15) cock pheasants in possession at any time.

Youth Season: Sept. 20 and 21, 2003; Sept. 18 and 19, 2004; Sept. 17 and 18, 2005. Open only to youth hunters accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old.

Regular Season: Oct. 4-Dec. 31, 2003, Oct. 2-Dec. 31, 2004; Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2005

CHUKAR

Bag and Possession Limits: Six (6) chukar per day, with a total of eighteen (18) chukar in possession at any time.

Youth Season: Sept. 20 and 21, 2003; Sept. 18 and 19, 2004; Sept. 17 and 18, 2005. Open only to youth hunters accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old.

Regular Season: Oct. 4, 2003-Jan. 19, 2004; Oct. 2, 2004-Jan. 17, 2005; Oct. 1, 2005-Jan. 16, 2006.

GRAY (HUNGARIAN) PARTRIDGE

Bag and Possession Limits: Six (6) gray partridges per day, with a total of eighteen (18) gray partridges in possession at any time.

Youth Season: Sept. 20 and 21, 2003; Sept. 18 and 19, 2004; Sept. 17 and 18, 2005. Open only to youth hunters accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old.

Regular Season: Oct. 4, 2003-Jan. 19, 2004; Oct. 2, 2004-Jan. 17, 2005; Oct. 1, 2005-Jan. 16, 2006

MOUNTAIN QUAIL

Season closed throughout Eastern Washington.

CALIFORNIA (VALLEY) QUAIL AND NORTHERN BOBWHITE

Bag and Possession Limits: Ten (10) quail per day, with a total of thirty (30) quail in possession at any time, straight or mixed bag.

Youth Season: Sept. 20 and 21, 2003; Sept. 18 and 19, 2004; Sept. 17 and 18, 2005. Open only to youth hunters accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old.

Regular Season: Oct. 4, 2003-Jan. 19, 2004; Oct. 2, 2004-Jan. 17, 2005; Oct. 1, 2005-Jan. 16, 2006

Yakama Indian Reservation: The 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 Upland bird seasons within the Yakama Indian Reservation shall be the same as the season established by the Yakama Indian Nation.

WESTERN WASHINGTON

RING-NECKED PHEASANT

Bag and Possession Limits: Two (2) pheasants of either sex per day, with a total of fifteen (15) pheasants in possession at any time.

Youth Season: Sept. 20 and 21, 2003; Sept. 18 and 19, 2004; Sept. 17 and 18, 2005. Open only to youth hunters accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old.

Hunters 65 years of age or older: Sept. 22-26, 2003; Sept. 20-24, 2004; Sept. 19-23, 2005

Regular Season: Sept. 27-Nov. 30, 2003; Sept. 25-Nov. 30, 2004; Sept. 24-Nov. 30, 2005. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; except Dungeness Recreation site (Clallam County) starting Oct. 4, 2003; Oct. 2, 2004; Oct. 1, 2005.

Extended Season: Dec. 1-Dec. 15, 2003; Dec. 1-Dec. 15, 2004, Dec. 1-15, 2005. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. only on the following release sites: Belfair, Fort Lewis, Kosmos, Lincoln Creek, Scatter Creek, and Skookumchuck. Pheasants will not be released during the extended season.

A Western Washington Pheasant Permit is required to hunt pheasant in Western Washington, in addition to a current small game hunting license. Pheasant kills must be recorded. Upon taking a pheasant, the holder of a Western Washington Pheasant Permit must immediately enter on the corresponding space the date and location of kill.

There are three options available:

- (1) Full Season Option: Allows the harvest of eight (8) pheasants.
- (2) Youth Option: Allows the harvest of eight (8) pheasants by youth hunters.
- (3) 3-Day Option: Allows the harvest of four (4) pheasants during three consecutive days.

Every person possessing a Western Washington Pheasant Permit must by December 31, return the permit to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The number of permits purchased per year is not limited.

A hunter shall select one valid option at the time they purchase their Western Washington Pheasant Permit. It is unlawful to purchase an additional permit until the eight pheasant allowed on the current permit are taken.

Special Restriction: Western Washington pheasant hunters must choose to hunt on either odd-numbered or even-numbered weekend days from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. at all units of Lake Terrell, Tennant Lake, Snoqualmie, Skagit, Skookumchuck, and Scatter Creek Wildlife Areas, all hunting sites on Whidbey Island, and at the Dungeness Recreation Area, and must indicate their choice on the Western Washington Pheasant Permit by choosing "odd" or "even." Hunters who select the three day option, hunters 65 years of age or older, and youth hunters may hunt during either weekend day morning. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old who must have an appropriately marked pheasant permit if hunting.

MOUNTAIN QUAIL

Bag and Possession Limits: Two (2) mountain quail per day, with a total of four (4) mountain quail in possession at any time.

Season: Oct. 4-Nov. 30, 2003; Oct. 2-Nov. 30, 2004; Oct. 1-Nov. 30, 2005

CALIFORNIA (VALLEY) QUAIL AND NORTHERN BOBWHITE

Bag and Possession Limits: Ten (10) California (valley) quail or northern bobwhite per day, with a total of thirty (30) California (valley) quail or northern bobwhite in possession at any time, straight or mixed bag.

Season: Oct. 4-Nov. 30, 2003; Oct. 2-Nov. 30, 2004; Oct. 1-Nov. 30, 2005

WILD TURKEY

Youth Season:

Gobblers and turkeys with visible beards only.

Statewide: April 13-14, 2004; April 12-13, 2005; April 11-12, 2006 in the following GMUs ONLY: 101, 113, 117, 130, 133, 139, 145-154, 166, 175, 186, 204, 215, 218, 242, 245, 249-251, 269, 328, 329, 346, 352, 360-368, 382, 506, 554, 556, 568, 574, 588, 633, 651, 660-666.

Spring Season:

Gobblers and Turkeys with Visible Beards Only.

Statewide: April 15-May 15, 2004; April 15-May 15, 2005; April 15-May 15, 2006.

Fall Season:

Either Sex.

Permit Only - GMUs 101, 105, 111, 113, 117, 121, 133, 145-186, 382, 568-588. Sept. 27-Oct. 3, 2003; Sept. 25-Oct. 1, 2004; Sept. 25-Sept. 30, 2005

Permit Area	Number of Permits
GMU 101	200
GMU 105	100
GMU 108	200
GMU 111	100
GMU 113	100
GMU 117	400
GMU 121	800
GMU 133	150
GMUs 145-186	50
GMUs 382, 568-588	75

OFFICIAL HUNTING HOURS/BAG LIMITS FOR WILD TURKEY:

Bag and Possession Limit: One (1) wild turkey per day, only two (2) may be killed in Eastern Washington per year, except only one (1) may be killed in Chelan, Kittitas, or Yakima counties; and one per year in Western Washington, except two (2) may be killed in Klickitat County. The season limit is three (3) birds per year.

Hunting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset during spring and fall seasons.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR WILD TURKEY:

1. Turkey season is open for shotgun and bow-and-arrow hunting only.
2. A turkey tag is required for hunting turkey.
3. It is unlawful to use dogs to hunt turkeys.
4. It is unlawful to bait game birds.

BIRD DOG TRAINING SEASON

Wild upland game birds may be pursued during the dog-training season, but may not be killed except during established hunting seasons. A small game license is required to train dogs on wild game birds. A small game license and a Western Washington Pheasant Permit is required to train dogs on pheasants in western Washington. Captive raised game birds may be released and killed during dog training if proof of lawful acquisition (invoices) are in possession and the birds are appropriately marked (WAC 232-12-271) (WAC 232-12-044).

Aug. 1, 2003-Mar. 31, 2004; Aug. 1, 2004-Mar. 31, 2005; Aug. 1, 2005-Mar. 31, 2006. Only youth and seniors may train dogs during their respective seasons on designated western Washington pheasant release sites.

Bird dog training may be conducted year around on areas posted for bird dog training on portions of: Region One - Espanola (T 24 N, R 40 E, E 1/2 of Sec. 16); Region Three - South L.T. Murray Wildlife Area; Region Four - Skagit Wildlife Area, Lake Terrell Wildlife Area, and Snoqualmie Wildlife Area; Region Five - Shillapoo/Vancouver Lake Wildlife Area; Region Six - Scatter Creek Wildlife Area, Fort Lewis Military Base.

HIP REQUIREMENTS:

All hunters age 16 and over of migratory game birds (duck, goose, coot, snipe, mourning dove) are required to complete a Harvest Information Program (HIP) survey at a license dealer, and possess a Washington Migratory Bird validation as evidence of compliance with this requirement when hunting migratory game birds. Youth hunters are required to complete a HIP survey, and possess a free Washington Youth Migratory Bird validation as evidence of compliance with this requirement when hunting migratory game birds.

CANADA GOOSE SEPTEMBER SEASON

Bag and Possession Limits: Western Washington, except Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties and that part of Clark County north of the Washougal River: Five (5) Canada geese per day with a total of ten (10) in possession at any time. Remainder of the state: Three (3) Canada geese per day with a total of six (6) in possession at any time.

Western Washington: Sept. 6-11, 2003; Sept. 11-15, 2004; Sept. 10-15, 2005. EXCEPT Pacific and Grays Harbor counties: Sept. 1-15, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

Eastern Washington: Sept. 6-7, 2003; Sept. 11-12, 2004; Sept. 10-11, 2005.

BAND-TAILED PIGEON

Sept. 15-23, 2003, 2004, 2005.

Daily bag limit: 2 band-tailed pigeons.

Possession limit: 4 band-tailed pigeons.

WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED TO HUNT BAND-TAILED PIGEONS.

All persons hunting band-tailed pigeons in this season are required to obtain a written authorization and harvest report from the Washington department of fish and wildlife.

Application forms must be delivered to a department office no later than August 25 or postmarked on or before August 25 in order for applicants to be mailed an authorization before the season starts. Immediately after taking a band-tailed pigeon into possession, hunters must record in ink the information required on the harvest report. By September 30, hunters must return the harvest report to the Washington department of fish and wildlife, or report harvest information on the department's internet reporting system. Hunters failing to comply with reporting requirements will be ineligible to participate in the following band-tailed pigeon season.

MOURNING DOVE

Bag and Possession Limits: Ten (10) mourning doves per day with a total of twenty (20) mourning doves in possession at any time.

Statewide: Sept. 1-15, 2003, 2004, and 2005

COTTONTAIL AND SNOWSHOE HARE (OR WASHINGTON HARE)

Bag and Possession Limits: Five (5) cottontails or snowshoe hares per day, with a total of fifteen (15) in possession at any time, straight or mixed bag.

Statewide: Sept. 1, 2003-Mar. 15, 2004; Sept. 1, 2004-Mar. 15, 2005; Sept. 1, 2005-Mar. 15, 2006.

JACKRABBIT

Closed season statewide.

CROWS

Bag and Possession Limits: No Limit

Statewide: Oct. 1, 2003-Jan. 31, 2004; Oct. 1, 2004-Jan. 31, 2005; Oct. 1, 2005-Jan. 31, 2006

FALCONRY SEASONS

UPLAND GAME BIRD AND FOREST GROUSE - FALCONRY

Daily Bag: Two (2) pheasants (either sex), six (6) partridge, five (5) California (valley) quail or northern bobwhite, two (2) mountain quail (in western Washington only), and three (3) forest grouse (blue, ruffed, spruce) per day.
Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Statewide: Aug. 1, 2003-Mar. 15, 2004; Aug. 1, 2004-Mar. 15, 2005; Aug. 1, 2005-Mar. 15, 2006

MOURNING DOVE - FALCONRY

Daily Bag: Three (3) mourning doves per day straight bag or mixed bag with snipe, coots, ducks, and geese during established seasons.

Possession limit is twice the daily limit.

Statewide: Sept. 1-15 and Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2003; Sept. 1-15 and Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2004; Sept. 1-15 and Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2005.

COTTONTAIL AND SNOWSHOE HARE - FALCONRY

Daily Bag: Five (5) cottontails or snowshoe hares per day, straight or mixed bag.

Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Statewide: Aug. 1, 2003-Mar. 15, 2004; Aug. 1, 2004-Mar. 15, 2005; Aug. 1, 2005-Mar. 15, 2006.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective June 1, 2003:

WAC 232-28-276 2000-01, 2001-02, and 2002-03 Official hunting hours and small game seasons

WAC 232-12-068 Nontoxic shot requirements.

It is unlawful to possess shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than nontoxic shot when hunting for waterfowl, coot, or snipe. Nontoxic shot includes steel shot, bismuth-tin shot (97 parts bismuth: 3 parts tin with <1 percent residual lead), tungsten-iron shot (40 parts tungsten: 60 parts iron with <1 percent residual lead), tungsten-polymer shot (95.5 parts tungsten: 4.5 parts nylon 6 or 11 with <1 percent residual lead), tungsten-matrix shot (95.9 parts tungsten: 4.1 parts polymer with <1 percent residual lead), tin shot (99.9 percent tin with <1 percent residual lead), or tungsten-nickel-iron shot (50% tungsten: 35% nickel: 15% iron with <1 percent residual lead). The director may adopt additional nontoxic shot types consistent with federal regulations.

It is unlawful to possess shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than nontoxic shot in the following areas:

Bridgeport Bar segment of the Well's Wildlife Area

Cowlitz Wildlife Area

Lake Terrell Wildlife Area (including Tennant Lake and other segments)

Shillapoo Wildlife Area

Skagit Wildlife Area (all segments)

Snoqualmie Wildlife Area (all segments)

Sunnyside Wildlife Area

The Driscoll Island, Hegdahl, and Kline Parcel segments of the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area

Vancouver Lake Wildlife Area

It is unlawful to possess shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than nontoxic shot when hunting for game birds or game animals in the following areas:

Chehalis River pheasant release site

Dungeness Recreation Area

Hunter Farms pheasant release site

Raymond Airport pheasant release site

Two Rivers and Wallula Units of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's McNary National Wildlife Refuge

~~All Whidbey Island ((Seaplane Base,OLF Coupeville, and Bayview))~~ pheasant release sites



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(a) Title of rule: (Describe Subject)

Purpose:
Amend WAC 232-28-515 Trapping seasons and regulations.

Other identifying information: none

(b) Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.12.047

Statute being implemented: RCW 77.12.047

(c) Summary:

The recommended change is status quo trapping seasons with calendar date changes only. Clarification is also recommended on trapping seasons in Columbia County on tribal lands.

Reasons supporting proposal:

Furbearer populations appear to be stable to increasing.

(d) Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for:	Office Location	Telephone
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FAX (360) 902-2162 By (date) 3/25/03

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(j) Short explanation of rule, its purpose, and anticipated effects:

Rule establishes trapping seasons and bag limits for furbearer species. The purpose is to maximize trapping opportunity consistent with population objectives. The anticipated effect is status quo seasons with sustainable furbearer populations.

Does proposal change existing rules? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, describe changes:

Calendar date changes to establish 2003-2005 furbearer trapping seasons and bag limits. Clarifies trapping regulations in Columbia County.

(k) Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

☒ Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by writing to:

Wildlife Program

Attn: Dave Brittell

600 Capitol Way North

Olympia, WA 98501-1091

telephoning: ()

faxing: ()

☐ No. Explain why no statement was prepared

(l) Does RCW 34.05.328 apply to this rule adoption? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Please explain: Not hydraulics rules.

SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

WAC 232-28-515 Trapping seasons and regulations

1. **Description of reporting, record keeping and other compliance measures required by proposal:** Trappers are required to report their harvest using the “Trapper’s Report of Catch” form by April 10 of each year. This is not a new requirement.
2. **Professional services required for compliance:** None
3. **Costs of compliance, including costs of equipment, supplies, labor, and increased administrative costs:** None
4. **Will compliance cost businesses to lose sales or revenue?** No
5. **Comparison of costs for the 10% of businesses that are the largest businesses required to comply with the proposed rule:** No additional costs
6. **Steps taken by agency to reduce the costs of the rule on small businesses.** No costs to small businesses
7. **Description of how the agency will involve small businesses in rule development.**
All small businesses have an opportunity to comment on rule development through written and oral comment periods.
8. **List of industries required to comply with this rule:** All licensed trappers that trap furbearers for fur commerce.

WAC 232-28-515 Trapping seasons and regulations.

Trapping Regulations

To be issued your first Washington State trapping license an individual must pass the Washington State trapper education exam.

A trapping license will only be issued to a trapper that has returned the mandatory trapper report of catch postmarked on or before April 10 of the previous year. A trapper that fails to submit a report of catch must wait one year before purchasing another trapping license. False reports will be considered the same as failure to return the catch report.

It is unlawful to: Trap for wild animals before October 1, and after March 15, in western Washington, except that owners of, or persons legally controlling a property (or their designee) may trap unclassified wild animals that are causing damage or depredating on said property.

It is unlawful to: Place traps or establish drowning wires and weights prior to 7:00 a.m. on the opening date of the trapping season. All opening and closing season dates are inclusive.

Trapping Seasons:

General Western Washington Trapping Seasons (Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Whatcom counties):

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE
Bobcat, Red Fox, and Weasel	((November 18, 2000	((February 15, 2001
	November 17, 2001	February 15, 2002
	November 16, 2002))	February 15, 2003))
	November 15, 2003	February 15, 2004
	November 20, 2004	February 15, 2005
	November 19, 2005	February 15, 2006
Marten, Mink, Muskrat, and Raccoon	((November 18, 2000	((January 31, 2001
	November 17, 2001	January 31, 2002
	November 16, 2002))	January 31, 2003))
	November 15, 2003	January 31, 2004
	November 20, 2004	January 31, 2005
	November 19, 2005	January 31, 2006
Beaver and River Otter	((December 9, 2000	((February 15, 2001
	December 8, 2001	February 15, 2002
	December 14, 2002))	February 15, 2003))
	December 13, 2003	February 15, 2004
	December 11, 2004	February 15, 2005
	December 10, 2005	February 15, 2006

Exceptions to General Western Washington Trapping Seasons:

Game Management Unit 522 (Loo-wit) (Cowlitz and Skamania counties) is closed to all trapping.

Island County

The red fox season is closed.

Lewis County

Green River drainage, above and including Miners Creek drainage, is closed to all trapping except for bobcat and coyote.

Skagit and Whatcom counties

Ross Lake National Recreation Area is closed to all trapping. Red fox season is closed, except within the boundaries of Mount Baker-Snoqualmie and Okanogan National Forests.

Skamania County

The following areas are closed to all trapping, except for bobcat and coyote: Muddy River drainage, above and including Bean Creek drainage; Pine Creek drainage above USFS Road 83; and Green River drainage, above and including Miners Creek drainage.

General Eastern Washington Trapping Seasons (Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima counties):

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE
Badger, Beaver, Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon, Red Fox, and Weasel	((November 11, 2000 November 10, 2001 November 9, 2002)) <u>November 8, 2003</u> <u>November 13, 2004</u> <u>November 12, 2005</u>	((February 28, 2001 February 28, 2002 February 28, 2003)) <u>February 28, 2004</u> <u>February 28, 2005</u> <u>February 28, 2006</u>
Marten	((December 15, 2000 December 15, 2001 December 15, 2002)) <u>December 15, 2003</u> <u>December 15, 2004</u> <u>December 15, 2005</u>	((January 31, 2001 January 31, 2002 January 31, 2003)) <u>January 31, 2004</u> <u>January 31, 2005</u> <u>January 31, 2006</u>
River Otter (Season Bag Limit is 6 River Otter in Eastern Washington)	((November 11, 2000 November 10, 2001 November 9, 2002)) <u>November 8, 2003</u> <u>November 13, 2004</u> <u>November 12, 2005</u>	((February 28, 2001 February 28, 2002 February 28, 2003)) <u>February 28, 2004</u> <u>February 28, 2005</u> <u>February 28, 2006</u>

Exceptions to General Eastern Washington Trapping Seasons:

River otter trapping season is closed in all Eastern Washington counties, except that it is open in Chelan, Ferry, Klickitat,

Kittitas, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, and Yakima counties, as well as in the Snake and Walla Walla River drainages.

Chelan County

Beaver season is closed in Swakane and Mudd Creek drainages.

Columbia County

Trapping is not allowed on the Umatilla Tribes Rainwater Wildlife Area in Columbia County, as per their management plan.

Kittitas County

Beaver season is closed in the following drainages: North fork of Tarpiscan Creek and Umtanum Creek.

Urban Trapping Areas: Special Regulations and Trap Restrictions

The following described areas are closed to the taking of classified furbearing animals, and coyote, opossum, nutria, and skunk, by the use of body-gripping or kill traps **except** by permit under WAC 232-12-141.

Thurston County, within the established city limits (including county islands) of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater.

Within Snohomish, King, and Pierce counties: Beginning at the confluence of Snohomish River and Puget Sound; east up Snohomish River to Interstate 5 (I-5); south on I-5 to Interstate 405 (I-405); south on I-405 to I-5; south on I-5 to Pioneer Way; east on Pioneer Way to Waller Road; south on Waller Road to SR 512; west on SR 512 to Highway 7; south on Highway 7 and Highway 507 to Pierce County line; north on Pierce County line to Puget Sound; north along coast to mouth of Snohomish River and point of beginning.



**PROPOSED RULE MAKING
(RCW 34.05.320)**

CR-102 (7/22/01)
**Do NOT use for expedited
rule making**

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife

- ☒ Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 03-02-102; or
☐ Expedited Rule Making -- Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or
☐ Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).

- ☒ Original Notice
☐ Supplemental Notice
to WSR _____
☐ Continuance of WSR _____

(a) Title of rule: (Describe Subject)

Purpose:

Amend WACs 232-28-273 Moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat seasons and permit quotas and 232-28-291 Special hunting seasons permits.

Other identifying information: none

(b) Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.12.047

Statute being implemented: RCW 77.12.047

(c) Summary:

232-28-273

The recommended changes are: establishing 2003 seasons with adjustments in permit quotas based on population objectives; creating a persons of disability moose hunt in GMU 117; and changing the once in a lifetime draw rule to once in a lifetime harvest for these species.

232-28-291

The recommended changes are: 1) change from an once in a lifetime draw restriction to once in a lifetime harvest restriction for moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat, except for individuals who harvested a mountain goat prior to 1999, and 2) establish rules for a second "B" tag for special big game permits.

Reasons supporting proposal:

232-28-273

Recommended adjustments in permit quotas are based on meeting population objectives for each species as indicated in the Game Management Plan.

232-28-291

1) Address hunter preferences, and 2) Establish permit system for damage hunts.

(d) Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for: Office Location Telephone

1. Drafting.....Dave Brittell, Assistant Director	NRB-Olympia	360.902.2504
2. Implementation.... Dave Brittell, Assistant Director	NRB-Olympia	360.902.2504
3. Enforcement..... Bruce Bjork, Assistant Director	NRB-Olympia	360.902.2932

(e) Name of proponent (person or organization): Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission

- ☐ Private
☐ Public
☒ Governmental

(f) Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement and fiscal matters:

None

(g) Is rule necessary because of:

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(j) Short explanation of rule, its purpose, and anticipated effects:

232-28-273

Rule establishes 2003 seasons and permit quotas for moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats. The purpose of the rule is to maximize recreational hunting opportunities for these species while meeting the population and recreational objectives for each herd as indicated in the Game Management Plan. The anticipated effect is stable to increasing populations of these hunting species.

232-28-291

Rule establishes regulations for special hunting season permits for big game species. The purpose of the rule and recommendations is to provide permit only hunting season opportunities consistent with biological objectives and hunter preferences. The anticipated effect is higher hunter satisfaction for moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat, and a permit system to establish game species damage seasons.

Does proposal change existing rules? ☒ YES ☐ NO If yes, describe changes:

232-28-273 Provides calendar date changes to establish 2003 seasons and permit quotas, creates a persons of disability moose hunt in GMU 117, and changes the once in a lifetime permit draw restriction to once in a lifetime harvest for these species.

232-28-291

Changes from once in a lifetime draw to once in a lifetime harvest for moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat. Establishes "B" tags for big game damage hunts.

(k) Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

☐ Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.
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faxing: ()

☒ No. Explain why no statement was prepared
These rules regulate recreational hunters and do not directly regulate small business.

(l) Does RCW 34.05.328 apply to this rule adoption? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Please explain: Not hydraulics rules.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 02-98, filed 5/10/02, effective 6/10/02)

WAC 232-28-273 ((2002)) Moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat seasons and permit quotas.

((2002)) 2003 Moose Permit Hunts

Who May Apply: Anyone may apply; EXCEPT those who ~~((drew))~~ harvested a moose ~~((permit))~~ previously in Washington State. ~~((Only))~~ An individual may only harvest one moose ~~((permit will be issued))~~ during ~~((an individual's))~~ their lifetime (waived for Mt. Spokane youth hunt, 49 Degrees North B hunt, and raffle and auction hunts).

Bag Limit: One moose of either sex, EXCEPT antlerless only for the 49 Degrees North B persons with Disabilities Hunt, Mt. Spokane B Hunt and the Mt. Spokane Youth Hunt.

Weapon restrictions: Permit holders may use any legal weapon.

Hunt Name	Permit Season	Permit Hunt Boundary Description	Special Restrictions	<u>((2002)) 2003 Permits</u>
Kettle Range	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	GMU 101, 105	((Any Legal Weapon)) <u>Any Moose</u>	1
Selkirk Mtns.	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	GMU 113	((Any Legal Weapon)) <u>Any Moose</u>	((18)) <u>20</u>
Mt. Spokane A	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	GMU 124, east of Hwy 395	((Any Legal Weapon)) <u>Any Moose</u>	((15)) <u>10</u>
Mt. Spokane B	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	GMU 124, east of Hwy 395	((Any Legal Weapon)) <u>Antlerless Only</u>	((15)) <u>12</u>
Mt. Spokane Youth Only. ^{a((*))}	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	GMU 124, east of Hwy 395	((Any Legal Weapon)) <u>Antlerless Only</u>	((40)) <u>8</u>
49 Degrees North	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	GMU 117	((Any Legal Weapon)) <u>Any Moose</u>	22
<u>49 Degrees North B^b</u>	<u>Oct. 1-Nov. 30</u>	<u>GMU 117</u>	<u>Antlerless Only</u>	<u>3</u>
Three Forks	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	((GMU 109)) <u>GMUs 108, 111</u>	((Any Legal Weapon)) <u>Any Moose</u>	6
Hangman	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	GMU 127, 130	((Any Legal Weapon)) <u>Any Moose</u>	((5)) <u>8</u>
Huckleberry <u>Range</u>	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	GMU 121, 124 west of Hwy 395	((Any Legal Weapon)) <u>Any Moose</u>	((2)) <u>4</u>

((*))^aApplicants must be eligible to purchase a youth moose permit application. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult during the hunt.

^bApplicants must possess a Disabled Hunter Permit.

((2002)) 2003 Mountain Sheep (Bighorn) Permit Hunts

Who May Apply: Anyone may apply; EXCEPT those who ~~((drew)) harvested~~ a bighorn ~~((permit)) sheep~~ previously in Washington State. ~~((Only))~~ An individual may only harvest one bighorn sheep ~~((permit will be issued))~~ during ~~((an individual's))~~ their lifetime. (Waived for raffle and auction hunts.)

Bag Limit: One bighorn ram.

Hunt Name	Permit Season	Permit Hunt Boundary Description	Special Restrictions	((2002)) 2003 Permits
Selah Butte	Sept. 15-Oct. 10	Sheep Unit 4	Any Legal Weapon	((3)) 6
Umtanum	Sept. 15-Oct. 10	Sheep Unit 5	Any Legal Weapon	4
Cleman Mountain	Sept. 15-Oct. 10	Sheep Unit 7	Any Legal Weapon	3
Mt. Hull	Sept. 15-Oct. 10	Sheep Unit 10	Any Legal Weapon	((0)) 1
Lincoln Cliffs	Sept. 15-Oct. 10	Sheep Unit 12	Any Legal Weapon	1
Quilomene	Sept. 15-Oct. 10	Sheep Unit 13	Any Legal Weapon	((8)) 7
Swakane	Sept. 15-Oct. 10	Sheep Unit 14	Any Legal Weapon	1

Mountain (Bighorn) Sheep Units:

Sheep Unit 4 Selah Butte: Permit Area: That part of Yakima and Kittitas counties between Ellensburg and Yakima east of the Yakima River and north of Selah Creek, west of Interstate 82 and south of Interstate 90.

Sheep Unit 5 Umtanum: Permit Area: Those portions of Yakima and Kittitas counties west of the Yakima River, north of Wenas Creek, and east of USFS Road 1701 to Manastash Lake and its drainage; south and east along the South Fork Manastash Creek to Manastash Creek and the Yakima River.

Sheep Unit 7 Cleman Mountain: Permit Area: That part of Yakima County south of Wenas Creek and east of USFS Road 1701, north of Highway 410 and Highway 12 and west of the Yakima River.

Sheep Unit 10 Mt. Hull: Permit Area: That part of Okanogan County within the following described boundary: Beginning at Oroville; then south along U.S. Highway 97 to the Swanson's Mill Road (old Mt. Hull Road) near Lake Andrews; then east to the Dry Gulch Road; then north to the Oroville-Toroda Creek Road (Molson Grade Road); then west to Oroville and the point of beginning.

Sheep Unit 12 Lincoln Cliffs: Permit Area: That part of Lincoln County north of Highway 2.

Sheep Unit 13 Quilomene: Permit Area: GMU 329.

Sheep Unit 14 Swakane: Permit Area: GMU 250.

((2002)) 2003 Mountain Goat Permit Hunts

Who May Apply: Anyone may apply; except those who ~~((drew)) harvested~~ a mountain goat ~~((permit))~~ in Washington ~~((state after 1998))~~ State after 1998. ~~((Starting in 1999, only one mountain goat permit will be issued during an individual's lifetime.))~~ An individual may only harvest one mountain goat during their lifetime, except for those who harvested a goat prior to 1999. (Waived for raffle and auction hunts.)

Bag Limit: One (1) adult goat of either sex with horns four (4) inches or longer. WDFW urges hunters to refrain from shooting nannies with kids. Permit hunters may start hunting Sept. 1 with archery equipment.

Hunt Name	Permit Season	Permit Hunt Boundary Description	Special Restrictions	((2002)) 2003 Permits
Chelan North	Sept. 15-Oct. 31	Goat Unit 2-1	Any Legal Weapon	1
Methow	Sept. 15-Oct. 31	Goat Unit 2-2	Any Legal Weapon	2
Naches Pass	Sept. 15-Oct. 31	Goat Unit 3-6	Any Legal Weapon	((2)) 1
Bumping River	Sept. 15-Oct. 31	Goat Unit 3-7	Any Legal Weapon	2
((Tieton River))	((Sept. 15-Oct. 31))	((Goat Unit 3-9))	((Any Legal Weapon))	((3))
Blazed Ridge	Sept. 15-Oct. 31	Goat Unit 3-10	Any Legal Weapon	1
Kachess Ridge	Sept. 15-Oct. 31	Goat Unit 3-11	Any Legal Weapon	((4)) 0
Jack Mountain	Sept. 15-Oct. 31	Goat Unit 4-9	Any Legal Weapon	0
Corral Pass	Sept. 15-Oct. 31	Goat Unit 4-38	Any Legal Weapon	2
Tatoosh	Sept. 15-Oct. 31	Goat Unit 5-2	Any Legal Weapon	3
Smith Creek	Sept. 15-Oct. 31	Goat Unit 5-3	Any Legal Weapon	1
((Goat Rocks))	((Sept. 15-Oct. 31))	((Goat Unit 5-4))	((Any Legal Weapon))	((3))
<u>Goat Rocks/Tieton River</u>	<u>Sept. 15-Oct. 31</u>	<u>Goat Unit 3-9, 5-4</u>	<u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>6</u>

Mountain Goat Units:

Goat Unit 2-1 Chelan N. (Chelan County): Permit Area: Beginning at the mouth of Fish Creek on Lake Chelan (Moore Point); then northeast up Fish Creek and USFS trail 1259 to the Sawtooth crest near Deephole Spring; then southeast along the

Sawtooth crest, which separates Chelan and Okanogan County, to Horsethief Basin and the headwaters of Safety Harbor Creek; then south along Safety Harbor Creek to Lake Chelan, then northwest along the north shore of Lake Chelan to the mouth of Fish Creek at Moore Point and the point of beginning.

Goat Unit 2-2 Methow Area: Permit Area: Okanogan County within the following described boundary: Beginning at the Town of Twisp, westerly along the Twisp River Road (County Road 4440) to Roads End; west up the Twisp Pass Trail 432 to Twisp Pass and the Okanogan County line; northerly along the Okanogan County line through Washington Pass to Harts Pass; southeast down Harts Pass (Road 5400) to Lost River; then along the Lost River-Mazama Road to Mazama; then southwest to State Highway 20; then southeasterly along State Highway 20 to Twisp and the point of beginning.

Goat Unit 3-6 Naches Pass: Permit Area: Yakima and Kittitas counties within the following described boundary: Beginning at Chinook Pass; then north along the Pacific Crest Trail to Naches Pass; then east to USFS Road 19 and continuing to State Highway 410; then west along State Highway 410 to Chinook Pass and point of beginning.

Goat Unit 3-7 Bumping River: Permit Area: Yakima County within the following described boundary: Beginning at White Pass and the Pacific Crest Trail; then north to Forest Trail 980; then north to USFS Road 18; then north to State Highway 410; then east to State Highway 12; then west along State Highway 12 and back to point of beginning; **EXCEPT** Timberwolf Mountain, which is closed.

Goat Unit 3-9 Tieton River: Permit Area: Yakima County within the following described boundary: Beginning at White Pass and Pacific Crest Trail; then south to the Yakama Indian Reservation Boundary; then east to USFS Jeep Trail 1137; then west to USFS Road 1070-578 Spur; then west to Road 1000; then north to USFS Road 12; then north to State Highway 12; then west on State Highway 12 to point of beginning.

Goat Unit 3-10 Blazed Ridge: Permit Area: Kittitas and Yakima counties within the following described boundary: Beginning at the mouth of Cabin Creek on the Yakima River; then west along Cabin Creek to the headwaters near Snowshoe Butte; then south along the Cascade Crest separating the Green and Yakima river drainage to Pyramid Peak; then southeast along the North Fork, Little Naches, and Naches River to the Yakima River; then north along the Yakima River to the mouth of Cabin Creek and point of beginning.

Goat Unit 3-11 Kachess Ridge: Permit Area: Kittitas County within the following described boundary: Beginning at the mouth of the Kachess River on the Yakima River; then north along the Kachess River and Kachess Lake to USFS Road 4600; then east on USFS Road 4600 to the Cle Elum River; then south along the Cle Elum River and Lake Cle Elum to the Yakima River; then northwest along the Yakima River to the mouth of the Kachess River and point of beginning.

Goat Unit 4-9 Jack Mountain: Permit Area: Whatcom County within the following described boundary: Beginning at the confluence of Ruby Creek and Crater Creek; then north up Crater Creek to the ridge line between Jerry Lakes and a pinnacle of Jack Mountain (7,292 ft. elevation); continue due north to Devil's Creek; then west down Devil's Creek to Ross Lake; then south along the east shoreline of Ross Lake to Ruby Arm; then easterly up Ruby Arm and Ruby Creek to the confluence of Crater Creek and the point of beginning.

Goat Unit 4-38 Corral Pass: Permit Area: Pierce County within the following described boundary: Beginning where Goat Creek intersects the Corral Pass Road; then southeast up Goat Creek to the Cascade Crest; then north along the Crest to USFS Trail 1188; then northwest along said trail to USFS Trail 1176; then north along said trail to Corral Pass; then west along Corral Pass Road to its intersection with Goat Creek and the point of beginning.

Goat Unit 5-2 Tatoosh: Permit Area: Lewis County within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of the southern Mount Rainier National Park Boundary and State Highway 123; then south along State Highway 123 to U.S. Highway 12; then southwest along said highway to Skate Creek Road (USFS Road 52); then northwest along said road to the junction of Morse Creek Road (old road to Longmire Campground); then north along said road to the Mount Rainier National Park Boundary; then east along the southern park boundary to the point of beginning.

Goat Unit 5-3 Smith Creek: Permit area: Lewis County within the following described boundary: Beginning at the Town of Randle; then east along U.S. Highway 12 to USFS Road 21; then southeast along USFS Road 21 to USFS Road 22; then northeast and northwest along USFS Road 22 to USFS Road 23; then east and northwest on USFS Road 23 to USFS Road 25; then north along USFS Road 25 to Randle and point of beginning.

Goat Unit 5-4 Goat Rocks: Permit Area: Lewis County south of the White Pass Highway (U.S. Highway 12) and east of the Johnson Creek Road (USFS Road 1302).

WAC 232-28-291 Special hunting season permits.

The commission may establish special hunting seasons limited to species and/or weapon type.

1. Deer, elk, cougar, or black bear special hunting season permit applications:

A. To apply for special hunting season permits for deer, elk, cougar, or black bear applicants must have a valid Washington big game hunting license and a valid transport tag for the appropriate species. To apply for a particular hunt, each applicant for deer or elk must have the proper transport tag as identified in the special deer or elk permit regulations.

B. No refunds or exchanges for deer, elk, cougar, or black bear hunting licenses or transport tags will be made for persons applying for special hunting season permits after the permit drawing has been held.

C. A holder of a deer, elk, cougar, or black bear special hunting season permit may hunt only with a weapon in compliance with the special hunting season.

2. Mountain goat, moose, and bighorn sheep special hunting season permit applications:

A. Persons who have previously ~~((drawn and accepted a special hunting season permit for Washington))~~ harvested a mountain goat, bighorn sheep, or moose in Washington are ineligible to apply for a special hunting season permit for that species. This lifetime ~~((permit holder))~~ harvest restriction does not apply to ~~((mountain goat permits acquired before 1999,))~~ individuals who harvested a mountain goat before 1999, raffle or auction hunt authorizations, persons of disability moose hunts, or youth-only moose hunts.

B. Successful applicants under this section must purchase the appropriate hunting license within fifteen days of notification by the department. Failure to purchase forfeits the permit to an alternate applicant.

C. No refunds for mountain goat, moose, or bighorn sheep hunting licenses will be made for persons successfully drawing and purchasing special hunting season permits.

3. Wild turkey special hunting season permit applications

A. To apply for wild turkey special hunting season permits, each applicant must have a valid small game hunting license.

B. No refunds for small game hunting licenses will be made, regardless of success in the drawing for wild turkey special hunting season permits.

C. Wild turkey special hunting season permit holders must have a valid turkey transport tag in possession to hunt turkeys in the special hunting season.

4. Special hunting season permit applications:

A. Group applications will be accepted for any species with a group size larger than one. Maximum group sizes are determined for each species. If a group application is drawn, all hunters in the group will receive a special hunting season permit and each hunter in the group can take an animal.

- i. Maximum group size for deer is 12.
- ii. Maximum group size for elk is 12.
- iii. Maximum group size for bear is 2.
- iv. Maximum group size for cougar is 2.
- v. Maximum group size for mountain goat is 2.
- vi. Maximum group size for bighorn sheep is 2.
- vii. Maximum group size for turkey is 4.
- viii. Maximum group size for moose is 2.

B. An applicant may purchase only one application for a special hunting season permit for each species.

C. Permits will be drawn by computer selection using a weighted point selection system.

D. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

E. If an applicant makes a mistake, applies for the wrong hunt, and is successfully drawn, the special hunting season permit can be returned to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Olympia headquarters before the opening day of the special hunting season or the opening day of the general hunting season, whichever comes first. The applicant's points will be restored to the level prior to the permit drawing.

F. Anyone may apply for a special hunting season permit for deer, elk, bear, cougar, and wild turkey.

5. In addition to requirements for special hunting season permit applications, following are application requirements for:

A. Special hunting seasons for persons of disability: Only applicants with a Washington disabled hunter permit are eligible to apply for any special hunting season permits for persons of disability.

B. Special hunting seasons for youth: Only persons who are eligible to lawfully purchase a youth hunting license are eligible to apply for special hunting season permits for youth.

C. Special hunting seasons for hunters age 65 and older: Only applicants sixty-five years of age or older on or before March 31 of the current license year will be eligible to apply for special hunting season permits for hunters age 65 and older.

D. Special hunting seasons for advanced hunter education graduates: Only persons who hold a valid certificate from the Washington department of fish and wildlife advanced hunter

education (AHE) program are eligible to apply for special hunting season permits for AHE hunters.

6. Citizen reward for reporting violations - bonus points: A person who provides information which contributes substantially to the arrest of another person for illegally killing big game or an endangered species as defined by Title 77 RCW is eligible to receive ten bonus points toward the special hunting permit drawing for deer or elk special hunting season permits.

A. Only ten bonus points can be awarded for providing information for each person charged regardless of the number of violations involved.

B. Selection of bonus points is in lieu of application for a cash award.

7. In addition to requirements for special hunting season permit applications, following are application and permit requirements for antlerless deer and elk "B" Tags. Successful applicants under this section may purchase an appropriate second hunting license and tag for an antlerless animal only within fifteen days of notification by the department. Failure to purchase within fifteen days forfeits the opportunity for a second license.



**PROPOSED RULE MAKING
(RCW 34.05.320)**

CR-102 (7/22/01)
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Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife

- ☒ Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 03-02-102; or
☐ Expedited Rule Making -- Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or
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- ☒ Original Notice
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to WSR _____
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(a) Title of rule: (Describe Subject)

Purpose:

Amend WACs 232-28-272 2003-2004, 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 Black bear and cougar hunting seasons and regulations and 232-28-248 Special closures and firearm restriction areas.

Other identifying information: none

(b) Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.12.047

Statute being implemented: RCW 77.12.047

(c) Summary:

WAC 232-28-272-The recommended changes establish status quo bear seasons for 2003-2005, except all fall bear seasons close on Nov. 15 annually. In addition, the recommendation includes status quo spring bear seasons and status quo cougar seasons for 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006.

WAC 232-28-248-The recommended change closes GMUs 524 and 556 to hunting black bear and cougar during permit only modern firearm elk seasons.

Reasons supporting proposal:

WAC 232-28-272-Biological data support status quo seasons for bear and cougar.

WAC 232-28-248-Interference from cougar and bear hunters impact the quality of the hunting experience for hunters selected to elk hunt in these units.

(d) Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for:	Office Location	Telephone
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2. Implementation.... Dave Brittell, Assistant Director	NRB-Olympia	360.902.2504
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(e) Name of proponent (person or organization): Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission

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(f) Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement and fiscal matters:
None

(g) Is rule necessary because of:

Federal Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, ATTACH COPY OF TEXT Citation:
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

(h) HEARING LOCATION:

Moses Lake Convention Center
1475 Nelson Road, Moses Lake, Washington 98837

Date: April 11-12, 2003 Time: 8:00 a.m.

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DATE OF INTENDED ADOPTION: April 11, 2003

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(j) Short explanation of rule, its purpose, and anticipated effects:

WAC 232-28-272

The rule establishes hunting seasons for black bear and cougar. The purpose of the recommended change is to maximize recreational hunting opportunities for bear and cougar while maintaining sustainable populations. The anticipated effect of the recommendation is stable bear populations statewide and declining cougar populations statewide.

WAC 232-28-248

The rule closes specific GMUs to black bear and cougar hunting during permit only modern firearm elk seasons. This change will reduce hunter density resulting in a better quality hunt.

Does proposal change existing rules? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, describe changes:

WAC 232-28-272

Provides recreational hunting opportunity for black bear and cougar from 2003-2006, consistent with population objectives for bear and cougar.

WAC 232-28-248

Closes GMUs 524 and 556 to hunting black bear and cougar during permit only modern firearm elk seasons

(k) Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

☐ Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by writing to:

telephoning: ()

faxing: ()

☒ No. Explain why no statement was prepared

These rules regulate recreational hunters and do not directly regulate small business.

(l) Does RCW 34.05.328 apply to this rule adoption? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Please explain: Not hydraulics rules.

WAC 232-28-272 ((2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003)) 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006 Black bear and cougar hunting seasons and regulations.

Fall Black Bear Seasons:

2003 Black bear seasons

((Hunt Name	2000 Season	Hunt Area
General Eastern	Aug. 1—Nov. 5	GMUs 121-142, 203-382, 578, 588
Northeastern	Sept. 5—Nov. 5	GMUs 101-117
Blue Mt.	Sept. 5—Nov. 5	GMUs 145-154, 162-186
General Western	Aug. 1—Nov. 12	GMUs 407, 410, 454, 466, 490-520, 524-574, 601-684
North Cascades	Aug. 1—Nov. 30	GMUs 418-450, 460
West Side PLWMAs	July 15—Nov. 12	PLWMAs 401, 600
Long Island	Sept. 1—Nov. 12	Long Island

Hunt Name	2001 Season	Hunt Area
General Eastern	Aug. 1—Nov. 4	GMUs 121-142, 203-382, 578, 588
Northeastern	Sept. 4—Nov. 4	GMUs 101-117
Blue Mt.	Sept. 4—Nov. 4	GMUs 145-154, 162-186
General Western	Aug. 1—Nov. 11	GMUs 407, 410, 454, 466, 490-520, 524-574, 601-684
North Cascades	Aug. 1—Nov. 30	GMUs 418-450, 460
West Side PLWMAs	July 15—Nov. 11	PLWMAs 401, 600
Long Island	Sept. 1—Nov. 11	Long Island

Hunt Name	2002 Season	Hunt Area
General Eastern	Aug. 1—Nov. 3	GMUs 121-142, 203-382, 578, 588
Northeastern	Sept. 3—Nov. 3	GMUs 101-117
Blue Mt.	Sept. 3—Nov. 3	GMUs 145-154, 162-186
General Western	Aug. 1—Nov. 10	GMUs 407, 410, 454, 466, 490-520, 524-574, 601-684
North Cascades	Aug. 1—Nov. 30	GMUs 418-450, 460
West Side PLWMAs	July 15—Nov. 10	PLWMAs 401, 600
Long Island	Sept. 1—Nov. 10	Long Island))

Black bear management unit	Season	Hunt area
<u>Coastal</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 501, 504, 506, 530, 601, 602, 603, 607-621, 636-651, 658-663, 672-684</u>
<u>Puget Sound</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 407, 410, 454, 624, 627, 633, 652, 666, 667</u>
<u>North Cascades</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 418-450, 460</u>
<u>South Cascades</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 466, 485, 505, 510-520, 524, 550-574, 653, 654</u>
<u>Okanogan</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 203, 209-243</u>
<u>East Cascades</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 244-247, 249-251, 328, 329-371, 382, 578, 588</u>
<u>Northeastern</u>	<u>Sept. 2 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 101-130, 204</u>
<u>Blue Mountains</u>	<u>Sept. 2 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 145-154, 162-186</u>
<u>Columbia Basin</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 133, 136, 139, 142, 248, 254, 260-290, 371-381</u>
<u>West Side PLWMAs</u>	<u>July 15 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>PLWMAs 401, 600</u>
<u>Long Island</u>	<u>Sept. 2 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMU 699</u>

2004 Black bear seasons

Black bear management unit	Season	Hunt area
<u>Coastal</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 501, 504, 506, 530, 601, 602, 603, 607-621, 636-651, 658-663, 672-684</u>
<u>Puget Sound</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 407, 410, 454, 624, 627, 633, 652, 666, 667</u>
<u>North Cascades</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 418-450, 460</u>
<u>South Cascades</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 466, 485, 505, 510-520, 524, 550-574, 653, 654</u>
<u>Okanogan</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 203, 209-243</u>
<u>East Cascades</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 244-247, 249-251, 328, 329-371, 382, 578, 588</u>
<u>Northeastern</u>	<u>Sept. 7 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 101-130, 204</u>
<u>Blue Mountains</u>	<u>Sept. 7 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 145-154, 162-186</u>
<u>Columbia Basin</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 133, 136, 139, 142, 248, 254, 260-290, 371-381</u>
<u>West Side PLWMAs</u>	<u>July 15 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>PLWMAs 401, 600</u>
<u>Long Island</u>	<u>Sept. 7 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMU 699</u>

2005 Black bear seasons

Black bear management unit	Season	Hunt area
<u>Coastal</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 501, 504, 506, 530, 601, 602, 603, 607-621, 636-651, 658-663, 672-684</u>
<u>Puget Sound</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 407, 410, 454, 624, 627, 633, 652, 666, 667</u>
<u>North Cascades</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 418-450, 460</u>
<u>South Cascades</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 466, 485, 505, 510-520, 524, 550-574, 653, 654</u>
<u>Okanogan</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 203, 209-243</u>
<u>East Cascades</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 244-247, 249-251, 328, 329-371, 382, 578, 588</u>
<u>Northeastern</u>	<u>Sept. 6 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 101-130, 204</u>
<u>Blue Mountains</u>	<u>Sept. 6 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 145-154, 162-186</u>
<u>Columbia Basin</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMUs 133, 136, 139, 142, 248, 254, 260-290, 371-381</u>
<u>West Side PLWMAs</u>	<u>July 15 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>PLWMAs 401, 600</u>
<u>Long Island</u>	<u>Sept. 6 - Nov. 15</u>	<u>GMU 699</u>

~~((License Required: A valid big game hunting license which includes black bear as a species option is required to hunt black bear. One black bear transport tag is included with a big game hunting license that has black bear as a species option. A second black bear transport tag must be purchased to take a second bear.))~~

Bag Limit: Two (2) black bear per annual hunting season only one of which may be taken in Eastern Washington.

~~((**Hunting Method:** Hunters may use any lawful big game modern firearm, archery, or muzzleloader equipment for hunting black bear. The use of hounds and bait to hunt black bear is prohibited statewide.~~

~~**Submitting Bear Teeth:** Successful bear hunters must submit the black bear premolar tooth located behind the canine tooth of the upper jaw.))~~

SPRING PERMIT BLACK BEAR SEASONS:

Permit quotas for each license year

<u>Hunt Name</u>	<u>Permit Hunt Boundary</u>	<u>Permit Level</u>
<u>Blue Creek</u>	<u>GMU 154</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Dayton</u>	<u>GMU 162</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Tucannon</u>	<u>GMU 166</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Wenaha</u>	<u>GMU 169</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>Mt. View</u>	<u>GMU 172</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Lick Creek</u>	<u>GMU 175</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Grande Ronde</u>	<u>GMU 186</u>	<u>5</u>

Who May Apply: Anyone with a valid Washington big game license, which includes black bear.

Bag Limit: One (1) black bear per black bear special permit season.

Permit Season: April 15 - May 31. Permits are valid for the license year they are issued.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SPRING AND FALL BLACK BEAR SEASONS

License Required: A valid big game hunting license, which includes black bear as a species option, is required to hunt black bear. One black bear transport tag is included with a big game hunting license that has black bear as a species option. A second black bear transport tag must be purchased to take a second bear.

Hunting Method: Hunters may use any lawful big game modern firearm, archery, or muzzleloader equipment for hunting black bear. The use of hounds and bait to hunt black bear is prohibited statewide.

Submitting Bear Teeth: Successful bear hunters must submit the black bear premolar tooth located behind the canine tooth of the upper jaw.

COUGAR ((~~Season~~)) SEASONS:

((~~General Statewide Season:~~
~~Aug. 1, 2000 – Mar. 15, 2001;~~
~~Aug. 1, 2001 – Mar. 15, 2002; and~~
~~Aug. 1, 2002 – Mar. 15, 2003.~~))

Seasons for each license year, 2003-2005

<u>Cougar management unit</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Hunt area</u>
<u>Coastal</u>	<u>Aug. 1 – Mar. 15</u>	<u>501, 504, 506, 530, 601-621, 636-651, 658-663, 672-684, 699</u>
<u>Puget Sound</u>	<u>Aug. 1 – Mar. 15</u>	<u>407, 410, 454, 624-633, 652, 666</u>
<u>North Cascades</u>	<u>Aug. 1 – Mar. 15</u>	<u>418, 426, 437, 448, 450, 460, 466, 485</u>
<u>South Cascades</u>	<u>Aug. 1 – Mar. 15</u>	<u>505, 510-520, 524, 550-574, 653, 654, 667</u>
<u>East Cascades North</u>	<u>Aug. 1 – Mar. 15</u>	<u>203, 209-247, 249-251, 328, 329, 334-340</u>
<u>East Cascades South</u>	<u>Aug. 1 – Mar. 15</u>	<u>342-368, 382, 578, 588</u>
<u>Northeastern</u>	<u>Aug. 1 – Mar. 15</u>	<u>101-130, 204</u>
<u>Blue Mountains</u>	<u>Aug. 1 – Mar. 15</u>	<u>145-186</u>
<u>Columbia Basin</u>	<u>Aug. 1 – Mar. 15</u>	<u>133-142, 248, 254-290, 330, 371, 372, 381</u>

REQUIREMENTS FOR COUGAR SEASONS

License Required: A valid big game hunting license which includes cougar as a species option is required to hunt cougar.

Bag Limit: Two (2) cougar per license year excluding public safety cougar removals. It is unlawful to kill or possess spotted cougar kittens or adult cougars accompanied by spotted kittens.

Tag Information: One cougar transport tag is included with a big game license that has cougar as a species option. A second cougar transport tag must be purchased to take a second cougar.

Hunting Method: Hunters may use any lawful big game modern firearm, archery, or muzzleloader equipment for hunting cougar. The use of hounds to hunt cougar is prohibited except during a public safety cougar removal.

Cougar Pelt Sealing: Any person who takes a cougar must notify the department within 72 hours of kill (excluding legal state holidays) and provide the hunter's name, date and location of kill, and sex of animal. The raw pelt of a cougar must be sealed by an authorized department employee within five days of the notification of kill. Any person who takes a cougar must present the cougar skull, in such a manner that teeth and biological samples can be extracted, to an authorized department employee at the time of sealing.

Amendatory Section (Order 02-98, filed 5/10/02, effective 6/10/02)

WAC 232-28-248 Special closures and firearm restriction areas.

RESTRICTED AND PROHIBITED HUNTING AREAS.

These areas are closed by Fish and Wildlife Commission action. Other areas may be closed to hunting by local, state or federal regulations.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO HUNT EXCEPT WHERE PROVIDED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

1. Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge: The southern part of the Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge in Stevens County is closed to hunting and discharge of firearms except during the periods of April 15-May 15 and October 1-December 31. This closure is south of a boundary beginning at the west project boundary in Section 3, Township 34 N, R 40 EWM, then easterly along Road 1.0 (Bear Creek Road) to the intersection with Road 2.0 (Blacktail Mountain Road) in Section 2, then easterly along Road 2.0 to the easterly boundary in Section 8, Township 34 N, R 42 EWM.

The Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge north of the preceding boundary is open to all legally established hunting seasons from April 15 to May 15 and September through December.

2. Parker Lake: All lands south of Ruby Creek Road (USFS Road 2489), north of Tacoma Creek Road (USFS Road 2389) and west of Bonneville Power Administration power lines are designated as "CLOSED AREA" to the hunting of wild animals and wild birds year round. Both the Little Pend Oreille (1) and Parker Lake (2) closures were established to provide a protected area for the Air Force Military Survival Training Program.
3. Columbia River and all the islands in the river, and the Benton County shoreline below the high water mark, and any peninsula originating on the Benton County shoreline, between Vernita Bridge (Highway 24) downstream to the old Hanford townsite powerline crossing (wooden towers) in Section 24, T 13 N, R 27 E, is designated as a "CLOSED AREA" to the hunting of wild animals and wild birds.
4. Green River (GMU 485): Except for special permit hunters, who may also take a black bear and/or cougar with the appropriate license/tag options, all lands within GMU 485

are designated as a "CLOSED AREA" to the hunting of big game by Department of Fish and Wildlife regulated hunters throughout the year. During the general westside elk season and general and late deer seasons, all lands within GMU 485 are also designated as a "CLOSED AREA" to the hunting of all wild animals (including wild birds). The City of Tacoma enforces trespass within GMU 485 on lands owned or controlled by the City during all times of the year.

5. McNeil Island: McNeil Island (part of GMU 652) is closed to the hunting of all wild animals (including wild birds) year around.
6. Loo-wit (GMU 522): Closed to hunting and trapping within GMU 522 (Loo-wit).
7. The Voice of America Dungeness Recreation Area County Park in Clallam County is closed to all hunting except Wednesdays, weekends, and holidays, from the first weekend in October to the end of January.

BIG GAME CLOSURES

1. Clark, Cowlitz, Pacific, and Wahkiakum counties are closed to Columbian Whitetail Deer hunting.
2. Cathlamet: Beginning in the town of Skamokawa; then east along SR 4 to the Risk Road; then south and east along the Risk Road to Foster Road; then south along the Foster Road to the Elochoman River; then upstream along the Elochoman River to the Elochoman Valley Road (old SR 407); then west along the Elochoman Valley Road to SR 4; then east along SR 4 to SR 409; then south along SR 409 to the Cathlamet Channel of the Columbia River; then east along the north shore of the Cathlamet Channel to Cape Horn; then south in the Columbia River to the state line; then west along the state line to a point directly south of the mouth of Skamokawa Creek; then north on Skamokawa Creek to SR 4 and the point of beginning. This area is closed to all deer and elk hunting, to protect the Columbian Whitetail Deer.
3. Willapa National Wildlife Refuge: Except for Long Island, Willapa National Wildlife Refuge is closed to all big game hunting.
4. Walla Walla Mill Creek Watershed (GMU 157): All lands in the Mill Creek Watershed are designated as a "CLOSED AREA" to the hunting of all wild animals (including wild birds) except for holders of special elk permits during the established open season. This area is closed to motorized

vehicles. Entry is allowed only by Forest Service permit for the duration of the hunt. Any entry into the Mill Creek Watershed at other times is prohibited.

5. Westport: Closed to hunting of all big game animals on that part of Westport Peninsula lying north of State Highway 105 from the west end of the Elk River Bridge and the Schafer Island Road to the ocean beach.
6. GMUs 524 and 556 are closed to black bear and cougar hunting during permit only modern firearm elk seasons.

FIREARM RESTRICTION AREAS

The firearm restriction areas listed below have been established by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. Centerfire and rimfire rifles are not legal for hunting in these areas.

In firearm restriction areas, hunters may hunt only during the season allowed by their tag. Archery tag holders may hunt during archery seasons with archery equipment. Muzzleloaders may hunt during muzzleloader seasons with muzzleloader equipment except in the GMU 652 restriction area outlined for King County. Modern firearm tag holders may hunt during modern firearm seasons with bows and arrows, muzzleloaders or revolver-type handguns meeting the equipment restrictions or legal shotguns firing slugs or buckshot.

COUNTY	AREA
Clallam	That portion of GMU 624 (Coyle) located within Clallam County.
Clark	GMU 564 (Battleground)
Cowlitz	GMU 554 (Yale) GMU 504 (Stella)
Grays Harbor	That portion of GMU 564 (Battleground) in Cowlitz County. That portion of GMU 658 (North River) beginning at Bay City; then west along Highway 105 to Twin Harbors State Park; then south along Highway 105 to Grayland Grocery; then east on Cranberry Road to Turkey Road; then east and north on Turkey Road to Bayview Logging Road; then north and east along Bayview Logging Road to Mallard Slough; then east and south along the Bayview Road to Andrews Creek; then north along main channel of Andrews Creek to Grays Harbor; then north and west along the main navigation channel to Bay City and point of beginning. The Chehalis Valley restriction applies only during elk seasons: That portion of GMU 660 (Minot Peak) described as follows: Beginning at Highway 12 and Highway 107 junction near

	Beginning at Highway 12 and Highway 107 junction near Montesano; east and south on Highway 12 to Oakville; south on the Oakville-Brooklyn Road to a point one mile west of South Bank Road; northwest along a line one mile southwest of the South Bank Road to Delzene Road; north along Delzene Road to South Bank Road; northwest along South Bank Road to Wakefield Road; north on Wakefield Road to the Chehalis River; west along the Chehalis River to Highway 107 bridge; north on Highway 107 to Highway 12 to the point of beginning.
Island	That portion of GMU 410 (Island) located on Camano and Whidbey islands.
Jefferson	Indian and Marrowstone islands.
King	The area west of Highway 203 (Monroe-Fall City, Fall City-Preston Road) to Interstate 90 (I-90), I-90 to Highway 18, Highway 18 to Interstate 5 (I-5), I-5 to the Pierce-King County line; Vashon and Maury islands. The following portion of GMU 652 (Puyallup): Beginning at the intersection of State Highway 410 and the southeast Mud Mountain Dam Road near the King/Pierce County line north of Buckley; then east along the southeast Mud Mountain Road to 284th Avenue Southeast; then north along 284th Avenue Southeast to State Highway 410; then west along Highway 410 to the point of the beginning. (This restriction includes high power rifles and muzzleloaders.)
Kitsap	East of State Highway 16 originating at the Tacoma Narrows Bridge to Gorst, and east of Highway 3 to Newbury Hill Road, north of Newbury Hill Road and the Bremerton-Seabeck Highway to Big Beef Creek Bridge; all of Bainbridge Island, and Bangor Military Reservation.
Kittitas	GMU 334 (Ellensburg) Closed to high power rifles during deer and elk seasons.
Mason	GMU 633 (Mason Lake) south of Hammersley Inlet; and all of Harstene Island.
Pacific	GMU 684 (Long Beach) west of Sand Ridge Road. The portion of GMU 658 (North River) south and west of State Highway 105 and Airport Road between Raymond and North River Bridge. GMU 681 between U.S. Highway 101, Chinook Valley Road and the Columbia River from Astoria-Megler bridge to the Wallacut River.
Pierce	GMU 652 (Anderson and Ketron islands) limited to archery, shotgun, and muzzleloader. McNeil Island closed to hunting. See GMU 652 restriction area outlined for King County.
Snohomish	GMU 627 (Kitsap) south of Highway 302 on the Longbranch Peninsula is a firearm restriction area. West of Highway 9.
Skagit	Guemes Island and March Point north of State Highway 20.
Thurston	GMU 666 (Deschutes) north of U.S. Highway 101 and Interstate 5 between Oyster Bay and the mouth of the Nisqually River.
Whatcom	Area west of I-5 and north of Bellingham city limits including Lummi Island and Point Roberts.



**PROPOSED RULE MAKING
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(a) Title of rule: (Describe Subject)

Purpose:

Repeal WAC: 232-28-02220 Game management units (GMUs)--Special game areas--Boundary descriptions--Elk and deer area descriptions.

Repeal WAC: WAC 232-28-02240 Game management units (GMUs)--Special game areas--Boundary descriptions--Muzzleloader area descriptions.

Adopt WAC: 232-28-337 Deer and elk area descriptions.

Other identifying information: none

(b) Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.12.047

Statute being implemented: RCW 77.12.047

(c) Summary: Repeals obsolete WACs. Redefines muzzleloader areas as deer and elk areas. Provides boundary descriptions for newly created deer and elk areas. Provides the flexibility for more than one user group to address management issues and objectives. Provides the flexibility to address management issues and objectives at a scale smaller than Game Management Units.

Reasons supporting proposal: Maintains general season and special season opportunities. Provides the flexibility to respond to smaller landscape scale population changes and damage complaints.

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(e) Name of proponent (person or organization): Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission

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None

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(j) Short explanation of rule, its purpose, and anticipated effects:

Establishes game management boundaries for deer and elk. Provides recreational opportunity and addresses damage caused by deer and elk.

Does proposal change existing rules? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, describe changes:

Eliminates muzzleloader areas that are no longer appropriate. Defines a broader, more extensive list of new areas that can be utilized by multiple user groups.

(k) Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

☐ Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by writing to:

telephoning: ()

faxing: ()

☒ No. Explain why no statement was prepared

These rules regulate recreational hunters and do not directly regulate small business.

(l) Does RCW 34.05.328 apply to this rule adoption? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Please explain: Not hydraulics rules.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 232-28-02220 Game management units (GMUs)--Special game areas--Boundary descriptions--Elk and deer area descriptions.

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The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 232-28-02240 Game management units (GMUs)--Special game areas--Boundary descriptions--Muzzleloader area descriptions

NEW SECTION

WAC 232-28-337 Deer and elk area descriptions

ELK AREAS

Elk Area No. 1010 (Columbia County): GMU 162 excluding National Forest land and the Rainwater Wildlife Area.

Elk Area No. 1011 (Columbia County): That part of GMU 162 east of the North Touchet Road, excluding National Forest land.

Elk Area No. 1012 (Columbia County): That part of GMU 162 west of the North Touchet Road, excluding National Forest land and the Rainwater Wildlife Area.

Elk Area No. 2032 Malaga (Kittitas and Chelan counties): Beginning at the mouth of Davies Canyon on the Columbia River; west along Davies Canyon to the cliffs above (north of) the North Fork Tarpiscan Creek; west and north along the cliffs to the Bonneville Power Line; southwest along the powerline to the North Fork Tarpiscan Road in Section 9, Township 20N, Range 21E; north and west along North Fork Tarpiscan Road to Colockum Pass Road (Section 9, Township 20N, Range 21E); south and west on Colockum Pass Road to section line between Sections 8 & 9; north along the section line between Sections 8 and 9 as well as Sections 4 & 5 (T20N, R21E) & Sections 32 & 33 (T21N, R21E) to Moses Carr Road; west and north on Moses Carr Road to Jump Off Road; south and west on Jump Off Road to Shaller Road; north and west on Shaller Road to Upper Basin Loop Road; north and West on Upper Basin Loop Road to Wheeler Ridge Road; north on Wheeler Ridge Road to the Basin Loop Road (pavement) in Section 10 (T21N, R20E); north on Basin Loop Road to Wenatchee Heights Road; west on Wenatchee Heights Road to Squilchuck Road; south on Squilchuck Road to Beehive Road (USFS Rd 9712); northwest on Beehive Road to USFS Rd 7100 near Beehive Reservoir; north and west on USFS Rd 7100 to Peavine Canyon Road (USFS Rd 7101); north and east on Peavine Canyon Road to Number Two Canyon Road; north on Number Two Canyon Road to Crawford Street in Wenatchee; east on Crawford Street to the Columbia River; south and east along the Columbia River to Davies Canyon and point of beginning. (Naneum Green Dot, Washington Gazetteer, Wenatchee National Forest)

Elk Area No. 2033 Peshastin (Chelan County): Beginning at Crawford Street and the Columbia River in Wenatchee; west on Crawford Street and Number Two Canyon Road to USFS 7101 Road (Peavine Canyon); west on USFS 7101 Road to Mission Creek Road; north on Mission Creek Road to USFS 7104 Road (Sand Creek Road); west on USFS 7104 Road (Sand Creek Road) to Camas Creek; west up Camas Creek to where Camas Creek crosses USFS 7200 Road, T22N, R18E, Section 4; north along USFS 7200 Road to U.S. Highway 97; north on U.S. Highway 97 to USFS 7300 Road (Mountain Home Road); north on the USFS 7300 Road to the Wenatchee River at

Leavenworth; down the Wenatchee River and Columbia River to the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 3010 Nile (Yakima County): That part of GMUs 352 and 360 south of Upper Nile Loop Road Bridge and north of Lower Nile Loop Road Bridge (near The Woodshed Restaurant) and north and east of the Nile elk fence.

Elk Area No. 3028 Cooke Creek (Kittitas County): Beginning at the junction of the Naneum Ridge and Swift Creek Road in T20N, R20E, SEC. 15, east on the Naneum Ridge Road to the Colockum Road; south on the Colockum and Brewton Roads to the power lines in T20N, R21E, SEC. 29; south and west on the power lines to the Coleman Creek Road; north on the Coleman Creek Road to the Swift Creek Road and point of beginning, excluding Arthur Coffin Game Reserve.

Elk Area No. 3031 Shushuskin (Kittitas County): Beginning at Umtanum Road and the Yakima River; west along Umtanum Road to Manastash Road; west on Manastash Road to Cove Road; south and west on Cove Road to Hanson Road and Umtanum Creek; east (downstream) along Umtanum Creek to the Yakima River; north (upstream) along the Yakima River to the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 3036 Riverbottom (Kittitas County): Beginning at the junction of Umtanum Road and State Route 821; south on State Route 821 and the Yakima River to Umtanum Creek; west up Umtanum Creek to Umtanum Road; north on Umtanum Road to State Route 821 and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 3368 Jump Off (Yakima County): That part of GMU 368 east of the following boundary: Jump Off Road and the power lines to South Fork Cowiche Creek; west along South Fork Cowiche Creek to Road A 5500; east on A 5500 Road and south on A 5000 Road to North Fork Ahtanum Creek Road; south and west on North Fork Ahtanum Creek Road to A 2000; A 2000 to A 2400 Road; A 2400 Road to A 1000 Road and South Fork of Ahtanum Creek.

Elk Area No. 3911 Fairview (Kittitas County) Beginning with the BPA Powerlines in T20N, R14E, SEC.36; east along the power lines through Cle Elum to the Teanawy Road; north on the Teanaway Road to Ballard Hill Road; east on Ballard Hill Rd and Swauk Praire Road to Hwy 970; north on Hwy 970 to Hwy 97; south on Hwy 97 to the power lines in T20N, R17E, Sec. 34; east on the power lines to Naneum Creek; south on Naneum Creek approximately ½ mile to power lines in T19N, R19E, SEC 20; east and south along the power lines to the Vantage Highway; east along the Vantage Highway to I-90; west along I-90 to the Yakima Training Center Boundary; south and west along the Yakima Training Center boundary to Interstate Highway 82; north on I-82 to Thrall Road; west on Thrall Road to Wilson Creek; south on Wilson Creek to Yakima River; north on Yakima River to gas pipeline crossing in T17N, R18E, Sec 25; south and west on the gas pipeline to Umtanum Creek;

west on Umtanum Creek to the Durr Road; north on the Durr Road to Umptaneum Road; north on Umptaneum Road to South Branch Canal; west on South Branch Canal to Bradshaw Road; west on Bradshaw Road to the elk fence; north and west along the elk fence to powerline crossing in T19N, R16E, Sec 10; west along the powerline (south branch) to the Cabin Creek Road; east and north on Cabin Creek Road to Easton and I-90; east on I-90 to point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 3912 Old Naches (Yakima County): Starting at the elk fence and Roza Canal along the south boundary T14N, R19E, SEC. 8; following the elk fence to the sheep feeding site in T15N, R16E, SEC.30; south on the feeding site Access Road to the Old Naches Highway; west and south on the old Naches Highway to State Route 12 and the Naches River; down the Naches River to the Tieton River; up the Tieton River approximately 2 miles to the elk fence in T14N, R16E, Sec. 3; due south from the start of the elk fence to the top of the cliff; southwest along the cliff/rimrock to the irrigation canal in T14N, R16E, SEC 9; southwest along the irrigation canal to the elk fence in T14N, R16E, SEC 8; the elk fence to the powerlines in T13N, R16E, Sec. 34; south along the powerlines approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to the irrigation ditch; west along the irrigation ditch to the township line between T12N, R15E and T12N R16E; south along the township line to the South Fork Ahtanum Creek; South Fork Ahtanum Creek to Ahtanum Creek to Yakima River; up the Yakima River to Roza canal and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 3944 Clemen (Yakima County): That portion of GMU 342 beginning at the junction of Highway 410 and USFS Road 1701 (Big Bald Mountain Road); north to USFS Road 1712; east on USFS Road 1712 (Clemen Ridge Road) to the elk fence gate (T15N; R17E; Section 23 NE $\frac{1}{4}$) at the top of Austin Spur Road; south and west along the elk fence to Highway 410 to the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 4041 Grandy Creek (Skagit County): Begin at the intersection of CP 190 Road and CP 132 Road (Section 28, T36N, R5E); east along the CP 132 Road to the CP 130 Road; east and south along CP 130 Road to CP 110 Road, west, south and east along CP 110 Road to Childs Creek; south down Childs Creek to State Route 20; east on State Route 20 to Grandy Creek; south down Grandy Creek to the Skagit River; south on a line to South Skagit Hwy; west on South Skagit Hwy to State Route 9; north on State Route 9 to State Route 20; east on State Route 20 to Helmick Road; north on Helmick Road to CP 190 Road to CP 132 Road and the point of beginning. (WA Atlas & Gazetteer & Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Map)

Elk Area No. 4941 Skagit River (Skagit County): Beginning at the intersection of State Route 9 and State Route 20; east on State Route 20 to Grandy Creek; south down Grandy Creek to the Skagit River; south on a line to South Skagit Highway; west on South Skagit Highway to State Route 9; north on State Route 9 to point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5029 Toledo (Lewis and Cowlitz counties): Beginning at the Cowlitz River and State Highway 505 junction; east along State Highway 505 to Eden Road; east along Eden Road to the Evans Road; east along the Evans Road to the Weyerhaeuser 1800 Road; south along Weyerhaeuser 1800 Road to Cedar Creek Road; east along Cedar Creek Road to Due Road; south on Due Road to Weyerhaeuser 1823 Road; south along Weyerhaeuser 1823 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 1945 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 1945 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 1900 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 1900 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 1890 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 1890 Road to State Highway 504; west along State Highway 504 to Tower Road; north along Tower Road to the Weyerhaeuser 1522 Road; north along the Weyerhaeuser 1522 road to Salmon Creek; west along Salmon Creek to the Cowlitz River; North along the Cowlitz River to the junction of State Highway 505 and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5050 Curtis (Lewis County): Beginning at the Boistfort Road, State Highway 6 intersection; west to the Mauerman Road; west and southwest on the Mauerman Road to the Pe Ell/McDonald Road; south and east on the Pe Ell/McDonald Road to the Lost Valley Road; south and southeast on the Lost Valley Road to the Boistfort Road; east and north along the Boistfort Road to State Highway 6 and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5051 Green Mountain (Cowlitz County): Beginning at the junction of Tower Road and State Highway 504; north along Tower Road to the Toutle River; north along the Toutle River to the North Fork of the Toutle River; east along the North Fork of the Toutle River to Alder Creek to the Weyerhaeuser 2400 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 2400 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4400 Road to Johnson Creek and the South Fork of the Toutle River to the South Toutle River Road; west along the South Toutle River Road to State Highway 504; west along State Highway 504 to the junction of Tower Road and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5052 Mossyrock (Lewis County): Beginning at the intersection of Winston Creek Road and State Highway 12; east on State Highway 12 to the Cowlitz River; east on the Cowlitz River to Riffe Lake; southeast along the south shore of Riffe Lake to Swofford Pond outlet creek; south on Swofford Pond outlet creek to Green Mountain Road; west on Green Mountain Road to Perkins Road; west on Perkins Road to Longbell Road; south on Longbell Road to Winston Creek Road; north on Winston Creek Road to State Highway 12 and the point of beginning. (All lands owned and managed by the Cowlitz Wildlife Area are excluded from this Elk Area.)

Elk Area No. 5053 Randle (Lewis County): Beginning at the town of Randle and the intersection of U.S. Highway 12 and State Route 131 (Forest Service 23 and 25 Roads); south on State Route 131 to Forest Service 25 Road; south on Forest Service 25 Road to the Cispus River; west along the Cispus River to the Champion 300 line bridge; south and west on the Champion 300 line to the Champion Haul Road; north along

the Champion Haul Road to Kosmos Road; north on Kosmos Road to U.S. Highway 12; east on U.S. Highway 12 to Randle and point of beginning. (All lands owned and managed by the Cowlitz Wildlife Area are excluded from this Elk Area.)

Elk Area No. 5054 Boistfort (Lewis County): Beginning at the Town of Vader; west along State Highway 506 to the Wildwood Road; north along the Wildwood Road to the Abernathy 500 line gate (Section 20, T11N, R3W, Willamette Meridian); northwest along the 500, 540, and 560 lines to the Weyerhaeuser 813 line; northwest along the 813, 812, 5000J, 5000 and 4000 lines to the Pe Ell/McDonald Road (Section 15, T12N, R4W); west along the Pe Ell/McDonald Road to the Lost Valley Road; northeast along the Lost Valley Road to the Boistfort Road; north along the Boistfort Road to the King Road; east along the King Road to the town of Winlock and State Highway 603; south along Highway 505 to the Winlock/Vader Road; south along said road to the Town of Vader and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5055 East Valley (Wahkiakum County): Within one mile on either side of the line beginning at Wilson Creek Park on East Valley Road; west on East Valley Road to the junction with Middle Valley Road (4.5 miles); north along Middle Valley Road to the junction of Oat Field Road (2.5 miles).

Elk Area No. 5056 Grays River Valley (Wahkiakum County): On or within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of agricultural land in the Grays River Valley within the following sections: T10 N, R7W, sections 8,9,17, 18 and T10N, R8W, Sections 13, 23, 24, 26.

Elk Area No. 5057 Carlton (Lewis County): That part of 513 (South Rainier) lying east of Highway 123 and north of Highway 12.

Elk Area No. 5058 West Goat Rocks (Lewis County): Goat Rocks Wilderness west of the Pacific Crest Trail.

Elk Area No. 5059 Mt. Adams Wilderness (Skamania and Yakima counties): The Mt. Adams Wilderness.

Elk Area No. 5060 Merwin (Cowlitz County): Begin at the State Route 503 and the Longview Fibre Road WS-8000 junction; northeast and north on the Longview Fibre Road WS-8000 to the Longview Fibre Road WS-8004; northwest on the Longview Fibre Road WS-8004 to the section line between Sections 18 and 7, T6N, R3E; west along the section line between Sections 18 and 7, T6N, R3E to the section line between Sections 7, T6N, R3E and 13, T6N, R2E; north along the section line between Sections 7, T6N, R3E and 13, T6N, R2E; west along the section line between Sections 13, 14 and 15 T6N, R2E and Sections 10, 11 and 12 T6N, R2E to Dubois Road; south on Dubois Road to State Route 503; east on State Route 503 to the State Route 503 and the Longview Fibre Road WS-8000 junction and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 6010 Mallis (Pacific County): That part of GMUs 506, 672, and 673 within 1 mile either side of State Road 6 between the east end of Elk Prairie Road and the Mallis Landing Road.

Elk Area No. 6011 Centralia Mine (Lewis County): That Portion of GMU 667 within Centralia Mine property boundary.

Elk Area No. 6054 Puyallup River (Pierce County): That part of GMU 654 south of the Puyallup River.

Elk Area No. 6061 Twin Satsop Farms (Mason County): That portion of GMU 651 starting at the junction of the Deckerville Road and the Brady-Matlock Road; southwest to the junction with the West Boundary Road; north on West Boundary Road to the Deckerville Road; east on the Deckerville Road to the junction of Brady-Matlock Road and point of beginning. In addition, the area within a circle with a radius of 2 miles centered on the junction of State Route 108 and the Eich Road.

Elk Area No. 6062 South Bank (Grays Harbor County): That portion of GMU 660 (Minot Peak) described as follows: Beginning at Highway 12 and Wakefield Road Junction (South Elma); south on Wakefield Road, across the Chehalis River to the South Bank Road; southeast on the South Bank Road to Delezene Road; south on the Delezene Road to a point one mile from the South Bank Road; southeast along a line one mile southwest of the South Bank Road to the Oakville-Brooklyn Road; east on the Oakville-Brooklyn Road to Oakville and Highway 12; northwest on Highway 12 to Wakefield Road to Elma and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 6063 (Grays Harbor and Jefferson) Private lands within Elk Area 6064 east of Highway 101.

Elk Area No. 6064 Quinault Valley (Grays Harbor and Jefferson counties): That portion of GMU 638 (Quinault) beginning at the junction of Wright Canyon Road and South Shore Road; north to the shoreline of Lake Quinault; north along Lake Quinault to the Olympic National Park (ONP) boundary; east along ONP boundary to its intersection with the South Shore Road and U.S. Forest Service boundary; west along the U.S. Forest Service boundary to the Wright Canyon Road Junction with the South Shore Road and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 6066 Chehalis Valley (Grays Harbor County): That portion of GMU 660 (Minot Peak) beginning at Highway 12 and Highway 107 junction near Montesano; east and south on Highway 12 to Oakville; south on Oakville-Brooklyn Road to a point one mile west of South Bank Road; northwest along a line one mile southwest of South Bank Road to Delezene Road; north along Delezene Road to South Bank Road; northwest along South Bank Road to Wakefield Road; north on Wakefield Road to Chehalis River; west on Chehalis River to Highway 107 bridge; north on Highway 107 to Highway 12 and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 6067 North Minot (Grays Harbor County): The portion of GMU 660 (Minot Peak) beginning at the junction on State Route 107 and the Melbourne A-line, on the Melbourne A-line to the Vesta F-line; south on Vesta F-line to Vesta H-line (Vesta Creek Road); south on Vesta Creek Road to the North River Road; south and east on North River Road to the Brooklyn Road; east on Brooklyn Road to the Garrard

Creek Road; east and north on Garrard Creek Road to the South Bank Road; east on South Bank to South State Street (Oakville); north on South State Street to US 12; northwest and west on US 12 to State Route 107; south and southwest on SR 107 to the Melbourne A-line and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 6068 Willapa (Grays Harbor County): That part of GMU 658 south of SR 105 between the intersection of SR 105 and Hammond Road and the SR 105 bridge over Smith Creek; and within one mile north of SR 105 west from Hammond Road and east of the SR 105 bridge over Smith Creek.

Elk Area No. 6069 Hanaford (Lewis and Thurston counties): Beginning at the intersection of Salzer Valley Road and Centralia-Alpha Road; east and north on Salzer Valley Road to west on Little Hanaford Road to north on Teitzel Road to west on Big Hanaford Road to north on Highway 507 to east on Skookumchuck Road to the first bridge over Skookumchuck River; east along the Skookumchuck River to the powerline crossing immediately upstream of the confluence with Johnson creek; southwest along the powerline to east and south on the Big Hanaford Road to Weyerhaeuser Road E160 to Weyerhaeuser Road E240 to south on North Fork Road to west on Alpha-Centralia Road to the point of origin.

Elk Area No. 6071 Dungeness (Clallam County): That part of GMU 621 north and west of Jimmy Come Lately Creek and the Gray Wolf River and that part of GMU 624 west of Jimmy Come Lately Creek and east of the Dungeness River.

DEER AREAS

Deer Area No. 1010 (Columbia County): GMU 162 excluding National Forest land and the Rainwater Wildlife Area.

Deer Area No. 1020 Prescott (Columbia and Garfield counties): That portion of GMU 149 between Hwy 261 and Hwy 127.

Deer Area No. 2010 Benge (Adams County): That part of GMU 284 beginning at the town of Benge, west on Benge-Washtucna Road to Cow Creek; north along Cow Creek to McCall Road; east on McCall Road to Gering Road; east on Gering Road to Lakin Road; east on Lakin Road to Revere Road; south on Revere Road to Rock Creek; south along Rock Creek to the Palouse River; south and west along the Palouse River to S.R. 26; west on S.R. 26 to Beckley Road; north on Beckley Road to Negro Road; north on Negro Road to Beckley Road; north on Beckley Road to Benge-Winona Road; west on Benge-Winona Road to Benge and the point of beginning.

Deer Area No. 2011 Lakeview (Grant County): That part of GMU 272 beginning at the junction of S.R. 28 and First Avenue in Ephrata; west on First Avenue to Sagebrush Flats Road; west on Sagebrush Flats Road

to Davis Canyon Road; north on Davis Canyon Road to E Road NW; north on E Road NW to the Grant-Douglas Co. line; east along the Co. line to the point where the Co. line turns north; from this point continue due east to S.R. 17; south on S.R. 17 to S.R. 28 at Soap Lake; south on S.R. 28 to the junction with First Avenue in Ephrata and the point of beginning.

Deer Area No. 2925 Ritzville (Adams County): Beginning at the junction of Interstate 90 and S.R. 261 near the Town of Ritzville; south along S.R. 261 to S.R. 26; east on S.R. 26 to the Whitman County line; north along the Adams, Whitman County line to where it intersects the Lincoln, Adams County line; north along the Adams, Lincoln County line to Interstate 90; west along Interstate 90 to point of beginning.

Deer Area No. 3071 Whitcomb (Benton County): That part of GMU 372 made up by the Whitcomb Unit of the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge.

Deer Area No. 3072 Paterson (Benton County): That part of GMU 372 made up by the Paterson Unit of the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge.

Deer Area No. 3081 (Franklin County): That part of GMU 381 that is west of Highways 395 and 17.

Deer Area No. 4926 Guemes (Skagit County): That part of GMU 407 (North Sound) on Guemes Island.

Deer Area No. 5051 Fisher Island (Cowlitz County): The islands in the Columbia River known as Fisher Island and Hump Island in Game Management Unit 504.



**PROPOSED RULE MAKING
(RCW 34.05.320)**

CR-102 (7/22/01)
**Do NOT use for expedited
rule making**

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife

- ☒ Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 03-02-102; or
☐ Expedited Rule Making -- Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or
☐ Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).

- ☒ Original Notice
☐ Supplemental Notice
to WSR _____
☐ Continuance of WSR _____

(a) Title of rule: (Describe Subject)

Purpose:

Adopt WAC: 232-28-352 2003-2005 Elk general seasons and 2003 special permits.

Repeal WAC: 232-28-279 2000-2002 Elk general seasons and 2002-2003 special permits

Other identifying information: none

(b) Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.12.047

Statute being implemented: RCW 77.12.047

(c) Summary:

This WAC establishes elk general seasons for the 2003-05 hunting season timeframe. In addition, elk special permits are being set for 2003. Repeals obsolete WAC.

Reasons supporting proposal:

Maintain general season opportunities. Adjust special permits in response to population changes and damage complaints.

(d) Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for:	Office Location	Telephone
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(e) Name of proponent (person or organization): Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission

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(f) Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement and fiscal matters:
None

(g) Is rule necessary because of:

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(j) Short explanation of rule, its purpose, and anticipated effects:
Provides recreational opportunity and protects elk from overharvest.

Does proposal change existing rules? ☒ YES ☐ NO If yes, describe changes:
Adjustments in season length, timing of seasons, and bag limits to reflect changes in wildlife resource availability while maintaining a recreational harvest.

(k) Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

☐ Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.
A copy of the statement may be obtained by writing to:

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☒ No. Explain why no statement was prepared
These rules regulate recreational hunters and do not directly regulate small business.

(l) Does RCW 34.05.328 apply to this rule adoption? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Please explain: Not hydraulics rules.

NEW SECTION

WAC 232-28-352 2003-2005 Elk general seasons and 2003 special permits.

Bag Limit: One (1) elk per hunter during the 2003 hunting season except where otherwise permitted by Fish and Wildlife Commission rule.

Hunting Method: Elk hunters must select only one of the hunting methods (modern firearm, archery, or muzzleloader).

Elk Tag Areas: Elk hunters must choose either Eastern or Western Washington to hunt in and buy the appropriate tag for that area.

Any Bull Elk Seasons: Open only to the taking of elk with visible antlers (bull calves are illegal).

Spike Bull Restrictions: Bull elk taken in these GMUs must have at least one antler that is a spike above the ears (does not branch above ears). An animal with branched antlers on both sides is illegal but an animal with a spike on one side is legal in spike only units.

Spike Only GMUs: 145-154, 162-186, 249-251, 328, 329, and 335-368.

3 Point Restriction: Legal bull elk taken must have at least 3 antler points on one side only. Antler points may include eye guards, but at least 2 antler points must be on the upper half of the main beam. All antler points must be at least one (1) inch long, measured from the antler tip to nearest edge of the beam. Antler restrictions apply to all hunters during any open season.

3 Point GMUs: All of Western Washington except for GMUs 454, 564, 568, 574, 578, 588, and Elk Area 4941.

GMUs Closed to Elk Hunting: 418, 437 (except for Elk Area 4941), 485, 490, and 522.

Private Lands Wildlife Management Areas (PLWMAs): Buckrun (PLWMA 201), Kapowsin (PLWMA 401), and Merrill and Ring (PLWMA 600) are closed to hunting, except by permit or written permission from the landowner.

Special Permits: Only hunters with elk tag prefix identified in the Special Elk Permits tables may apply for special bull or antlerless permits. Please see permit table for tag eligibility. Hunters drawn for a special permit may hunt only

with a weapon in compliance with their tag and during the dates listed for the hunt.

Elk Tag Areas

Eastern Washington: All 100, 200, and 300 GMUs except permit only in GMUs 127 and 130 for modern firearm hunters and permit only for all hunters in GMUs 157 and 371. Modern firearm restrictions in GMU 334.

EA - Eastern Washington Archery Tag

EF - Eastern Washington Modern Firearm General Elk Tag

EM - Eastern Washington Muzzleloader Tag

Western Washington: All 400, 500, and 600 GMUs except closed in GMUs 418, 437 (except for Elk Area 4941), 485, 490, 522, and modern firearm restrictions in portions of GMU 660. GMU 554 is open only for early archery and muzzleloader seasons. Elk Area 6063 in GMU 638 (Quinault) is open to AHE hunters only. Elk hunting by permit only in GMUs 524, 556, 636, and PLWMA 600 (Pysht).

WA - Western Washington Archery Tag

WF - Western Washington Modern Firearm General Elk Tag

WM - Western Washington Muzzleloader Tag

Modern Firearm Elk Seasons

License Required: A valid big game hunting license with an elk tag option.

Tag Required: Valid modern firearm elk tag as listed below on his/her person for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: May use modern firearm, bow and arrow, or muzzleloader, but only during modern firearm seasons.

Hunt Area	Elk Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	2003 Dates	2004 Dates	2005 Dates	Legal Elk
Eastern Washington	EF	111, 113, 117	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7	Oct. 29-Nov. 6	Any bull
		157, 371				Permit only
		145 through 154, 162 through 186, 249, 251, 328, 329, 335 through 368	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7	Oct. 29-Nov. 6	Spike bull
		372	Sept. 2-15			Any elk
			Oct. 6-19			Any elk
			Oct. 25-Nov. 2			Any elk
			Nov. 22-Dec. 31			Any elk
Western Washington	WF	101, 105, 108, 121 through 142, and 382	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7	Oct. 29-Nov. 6	Any elk
		407, 448, 460, 466, 503 through 520, 530, 550, 558, 560, 572, 601 through 618, 627 through 633, 638 through 663, and 667 through 684. Except AHE hunters only in Elk Area 6063.	Nov. 1-9	Nov. 6-14	Nov. 5-13	3 pt. min.
		501	Nov. 1-9	Nov. 6-14	Nov. 5-13	3 pt. min. or antlerless

		564, 568, 574 through 588, 666	Nov. 1-9	Nov. 6-14	Nov. 5-13	Any elk
		454	Nov. 1-9	Nov. 6-14	Nov. 5-13	Any bull
		524, 556, 621, 636, and PLWMA 600	Nov. 1-9	Nov. 6-14	Nov. 5-13	Permit only
		Elk Area 6069 Hunters 65 and older, only	Jan. 1-10, 2004	Jan 1-10, 2005	Jan. 1-10, 2006	Any elk
		Elk Area 6069 Hunters with Disabilities, only	Jan. 15-20, 2004	Jan. 15-20, 2005	Jan. 15-20, 2006	Any elk

Archery Elk Seasons

License Required: A valid big game hunting license with an elk tag option.

Tag Required: Valid archery elk tag as listed below on his/her person for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: Bow and arrow only as defined by WAC 232-12-054.

Special Notes: Archery tag holders can hunt only during archery seasons. Archery elk hunters may apply for special bull permits. Please see permit table for tag eligibility for all elk permits.

Hunt Area	Elk Tag	Game Management Units (GMUs)	2003 Dates	2004 Dates	2005 Dates	Legal Elk
Early Archery Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EA	101 through 142, 243, 247, 249, 250, 334	Sept. 2-15	Sept. 7-20	Sept. 6-19	Any elk
		145, 149, 162, 163 through 186	Sept. 2-15	Sept. 7-20	Sept. 6-19	Spike bull
		154, Elk Area 1010, 328, 329, 330, 335, 336, 340, 352, 356, 364	Sept. 2-15	Sept. 7-20	Sept. 6-19	Spike bull or antlerless
Western Washington	WA	454, 564, 568, 574, 578, 588, 652, 666	Sept. 2-15	Sept. 7-20	Sept. 6-19	Any elk
		407, 448, 501 through 505, 550, 554, 558, 560, 572, 624, Elk Area 6061, 654, 660, 663, 667 through 673, 684 and 699	Sept. 2-15	Sept. 7-20	Sept. 6-19	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		460, 466, 506, 510, 513, 516, 520, 530, 601, 602, 603, 607, 612 through 618, 624 through 633, 638 through 648, 651, 653, 658, 681. AHE hunters only in Elk Area 6063. Permit only in PLWMA 600 in GMU 603.	Sept. 2-15	Sept. 7-20	Sept. 6-19	3 pt. min.
Late Archery Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EA	101, 117 through 127	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Nov. 20 Dec. 8	Any elk
		372	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Nov. 20 Dec. 8	Any elk
		178, 186	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Nov. 20 Dec. 8	Antlerless only
		328, 335, 336, 346, 352, 364, 368	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Nov. 20 Dec. 8	Spike bull or antlerless
		Elk Area 3010	Nov. 20-Jan. 31, 2004	Nov. 20-Jan. 31, 2005	Nov. 20-Jan. 31, 2006	Antlerless only
Western Washington	WA	407, 503, 505, 667, 672, 681, Elk Area 6066 in GMU 660, and 699. AHE hunters only in Elk Area 6063 in GMU 638.	Nov. 19-Dec. 15	Nov. 24-Dec. 15	Nov. 23-Dec. 15	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		454, 564, 588, 666	Nov. 19-Dec. 15	Nov. 24-Dec. 15	Nov. 23-Dec. 15	Any elk

		603, 612, 615, and 648, except closed in PLWMA 600 in GMU 603.	Nov. 19-Dec. 15	Nov. 24-Dec. 15	Nov. 23-Dec. 15	3 pt. min.
		506, 520, 530	Nov. 19-Dec. 7	Nov. 24-Dec. 7	Nov. 23-Dec. 7	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		506, 520, 530	Dec. 8-15	Dec. 8-15	Dec. 8-15	3 pt. min.

Muzzleloader Elk Seasons

License Required: A valid big game hunting license with an elk tag option.

Tag Required: Valid muzzleloader elk tag as listed below on his/her person for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: Muzzleloader only as defined by WAC 232-12-051.

Special Notes: Muzzleloader tag holders can only hunt during the muzzleloader seasons and must hunt with muzzleloader equipment. Only hunters with tags identified in the Special Elk Permits tables may apply for special elk permits.

Hunt Area	Elk Tag	Game Management Units (GMUs)	2003 Dates	2004 Dates	2005 Dates	Legal Elk
Early Muzzleloader Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EM	111, 113, 247	Oct. 4-10	Oct. 2-8	Oct. 1-7	Any bull
		101 through 108, 121 through 142	Oct. 4-10	Oct. 2-8	Oct. 1-7	Any elk
		172, 245, 250, 251, 335 through 342, 352 through 360, 368	Oct. 4-10	Oct. 2-8	Oct. 1-7	Spike bull
Western Washington	WM	454, 564, 568, 574, 578, 666, 684	Oct. 4-10	Oct. 2-8	Oct. 1-7	Any elk
		460, 504, 513, 530, 554, 602, 603, 607, 654, 660, 672	Oct. 4-10	Oct. 2-8	Oct. 1-7	3 pt. min.
		501, 652, 663, 667	Oct. 4-10	Oct. 2-8	Oct. 1-7	3 pt. min. or antlerless
Late Muzzleloader Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EM	130 through 142	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Any elk
		Elk Area 3944	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Spike bull or antlerless
Western Washington	WM	501, 503, 505, 652	Nov. 19-Dec. 8	Nov. 24-Dec. 8	Nov. 23-Dec. 8	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		454, 564, 568, 666, 684	Nov. 19-Dec. 15	Nov. 24-Dec. 15	Nov. 23- Dec. 15	Any elk
		574, 578	Nov. 19-30	Nov. 24-30	Nov. 23-30	Any elk
		504, 550, 601, 667	Nov. 19-Dec. 15	Nov. 24-Dec. 15	Nov. 23- Dec. 15	3 pt. min.

Special Elk Hunts Open to Specified Tag Holders

License Required: A valid big game hunting license with an elk tag option.

Tag Required: Proper elk tags are listed with each GMU below.

Hunting Method: Hunters must use method listed on their tag, except in Firearm Restriction Areas, where some types of weapons are banned from use. See elk tag required, dates, and legal elk in table below. In firearm restriction areas modern firearm hunters may hunt with a muzzleloader equipped with a scope.

Hunt Area	Elk Tag	Game Management Units	2003 Dates	2004 Dates	2005 Dates	Legal Elk
Eastern Washington	EA, EM, EF	127 through 142, Advanced Hunter Education Graduates only.	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Any elk

		Grant, Adams, Douglas, Franklin, Okanogan, and Benton (south of the Yakima River), and Chelan County (north of Hwy 2, except closed within 1/2 mile of the Columbia River in Douglas and Grant counties)	Oct. 28-Nov. 15	Oct. 27-Nov. 15	Oct. 26-Nov. 15	Any elk
	EA, EM, EF	Elk Areas 3911 and 3912 Advanced Hunter Education Graduates only.	Aug. 1-Feb. 28, 2004	Aug. 1-Feb. 28, 2005	Aug. 1-Feb. 28, 2006	Antlerless only
Western Washington	WM	Elk Area 4941 (muzzleloader only)	Nov. 1-Jan. 31, 2004	Nov. 1-Jan. 31, 2005	Nov. 1-Jan. 31, 2006	Any elk
	WA	Elk Area 4941 (archery only)	Oct. 1-31	Oct. 1-31	Oct. 1-31	Any elk

Special Elk Permit Hunting Seasons

(Open to Permit Holders Only)

Permit hunters may hunt only with a weapon in compliance with their tag. Applicants must have purchased the proper tag for these hunts (see elk tag prefix required to apply for each hunt).

Hunt Name	2003 Permit Season	Special Restrictions	Elk Tag Prefix	Boundary Description	2003 Permits
Modern Firearm Bull Permit Hunts (Only modern firearm elk tag holders may apply.)					
Watershed	Nov. 1-9	3 Pt. Min. or Antlerless	EA, EF, EM	GMU 157	40
Wenaha A	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Any Bull	EF	GMU 169	5
Mountain View A	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Any Bull	EF	GMU 172	5
Mission	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Any Bull	EF	GMU 251	5
Naneum A	Oct. 20-Nov. 2	Any Bull	EF	GMU 328	6
Quilomene A	Oct. 20-Nov. 2	Any Bull	EF	GMU 329	8
Teanaway A	Oct. 20-Nov. 2	Any Bull	EF	GMU 335	6
Peaches Ridge A	Oct. 20-Nov. 2	Any Bull	EF	GMUs 336, 346	103
Little Naches A	Oct. 1-10	Any Bull	EF	GMU 346	20
Observatory A	Oct. 20-Nov. 2	Any Bull	EF	GMUs 340, 342	35
Goose Prairie A	Oct. 20-Nov. 2	Any Bull	EF	GMUs 352, 356	110
Bethel A	Oct. 20-Nov. 2	Any Bull	EF	GMU 360	64
Rimrock A	Oct. 20-Nov. 2	Any Bull	EF	GMU 364	112
Cowiche A	Oct. 20-Nov. 2	Any Bull	EF	GMU 368	25
Margaret A	Nov. 1-9	3 Pt. Min.	WF	GMU 524	24
Toutle A	Nov. 1-9	3 Pt. Min.	WF	GMU 556	90
Olympic A	Nov. 1-9	3 Pt. Min.	WF	GMU 621	21
Skokomish A	Nov. 1-9	3 Pt. Min.	WF	GMU 636	3

Modern Firearm Elk Permit Hunts (Only modern firearm elk tag holders may apply.)						
Aladdin A	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Any Elk	EF	GMU 111	10	
Selkirk A	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Any Elk	EF	GMU 113	10	
49 Degrees North	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Any Elk	EF	GMU 117	15	
Blue Creek A	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Antlerless	EF	GMUs 149, 154	100	
Dayton A	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Antlerless	EF	GMU 163 and Elk Area 1011	200	
Dayton B	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Antlerless	EF	GMU 149 and Elk Area 1012	75	
Malaga A	Aug. 16-Sept. 28	Antlerless	EF	Elk Area 2032	100	
Malaga B	Sept. 6-21	Any Elk	EF	Elk Area 2032	5	
Malaga C	Nov. 3-Jan. 31, 2004	Antlerless	EF	Elk Area 2032	150	
Malaga D	Nov. 3-16	Any Elk	EF	Elk Area 2032	5	
Malaga E	Dec. 13-21	Any Elk	EF	Elk Area 2032	5	
Malaga F	Jan. 1-18, 2004	Any Elk	EF	Elk Area 2032	5	
Peshastin A	Aug. 16-25	Antlerless	EF	Elk Area 2033	20	
Peshastin B	Aug. 18-25	Any Elk	EF	Elk Area 2033	5	
Peshastin C	Sept. 16-Oct. 3	Antlerless	EF	Elk Area 2033	20	
Peshastin D	Sept. 21-29	Any Elk	EF	Elk Area 2033	5	
Peshastin E	Nov. 30-Jan. 31, 2004	Antlerless	EF	Elk Area 2033	20	
Peshastin F	Dec. 15-Jan. 31, 2004	Any Elk	EF	Elk Area 2033	5	
West Bar A	Oct. 25-29	Antlerless	EF	GMU 330	10	
West Bar B	Oct. 30-Nov. 2	Antlerless	EF	GMU 330	10	

Teanaway B	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Antlerless	EF	GMU 335	30
Taneum A	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Antlerless	EF	GMU 336	200
Manastash A	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Antlerless	EF	GMU 340	400
Umtanum A	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Antlerless	EF	GMU 342	400
Cleman	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless	EF	Elk Area 3944	100
Little Naches B	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Antlerless	EF	GMU 346	250
Nile A	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Antlerless	EF	GMU 352	160
Bumping B	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Antlerless	EF	GMU 356	110
Bethel B	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Antlerless	EF	GMU 360	100
Rimrock B	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Antlerless	EF	GMU 364	200
Cowiche B	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Antlerless	EF	GMU 368	200
Alkali A	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Any Elk	EF	GMU 371	100
Willapa Hills A	Nov. 1-9	Antlerless	WF	GMU 506	35
Raymond A	Nov. 6-10	3-Pt. Min. or Antlerless	WF	Elk Area 6010	20
Raymond B	Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	WF	Elk Area 6010	30
Raymond C	Jan. 1-31, 2004	Antlerless	WF	Elk Area 6010	15
Raymond D	Feb. 1-28, 2004	Antlerless	WF	Elk Area 6010	15
Winston A	Nov. 1-9	Antlerless	WF	GMU 520	12
Margaret B	Nov. 1-9	Antlerless	WF	GMU 524	20
Ryderwood A	Nov. 1-9	Antlerless	WF	GMU 530	32
Coweeman A	Nov. 1-9	Antlerless	WF	GMU 550	15
Toutle B	Nov. 1-9	Antlerless	WF	GMU 556	35
Marble A	Nov. 1-9	Antlerless	WF	GMU 558	50
Carlton	Oct. 1-10	3-Pt. Min.	WF	Elk Area 5057	5
West Goat Rocks	Oct. 1-10	3-Pt. Min.	WF	Elk Area 5058	5
Mt. Adams	Oct. 1-10	3-Pt. Min.	WF	Elk Area 5059	5
Lewis River A	Nov. 1-9	Antlerless	WF	GMU 560	60
Siouxon A	Nov. 1-9	Antlerless	WF	GMU 572	40
Dungeness A	Oct. 1-15	Any Elk	WF	Elk Area 6071	10
Dungeness B	Nov. 1-15	Any Elk	WF	Elk Area 6071	10
Dungeness C	Jan. 5-20, 2004	Any Elk	WF	Elk Area 6071	20
Dungeness D	Feb. 1-15, 2004	Any Elk	WF	Elk Area 6071	20
Twin Satsop A	Dec. 1-15	Antlerless	WF	Elk Area 6061	30
Twin Satsop B	Jan. 5-15, 2004	Antlerless	WF	Elk Area 6061	10
Chehalis Valley A	Sept. 15-30	Antlerless	WF	Elk Area 6066	10
Chehalis Valley B	Oct. 1-31	Antlerless	WF	Elk Area 6066	10
Chehalis Valley C	Nov. 6-10	Antlerless	WF	Elk Area 6066	30
Chehalis Valley D	Nov. 15-30	Antlerless	WF	Elk Area 6066	15
Chehalis Valley E	Feb. 1-28, 2004	Antlerless	WF	Elk Area 6066	15
Capitol Peak A	Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	WF	GMU 663	10
North Minot A	Oct. 20-31	Antlerless	WF	Elk Area 6067	60
Deschutes	Jan. 15-23, 2004	Antlerless	WF	GMU 666	10
Williams Creek	Nov. 5-9	Antlerless	WF	GMU 673	40
North Shore A	Nov. 5-9	Antlerless	WF	Elk Area 6068	5

Muzzleloader Bull Permit Hunts (Only muzzleloader elk tag holders may apply.)

Note-Fire Closures may limit access during early October seasons

Wenaha B	Oct. 4-10	Any Bull	EM	GMU 169	1
Mountain View B	Oct. 4-10	Any Bull	EM	GMU 172	1
Naneum B	Oct. 4-10	Any Bull	EM	GMU 328	1
Quilomene B	Oct. 4-10	Any Bull	EM	GMU 329	2
Teanaway C	Oct. 4-10	Any Bull	EM	GMU 335	1
Peaches Ridge B	Oct. 4-10	Any Bull	EM	GMUs 336, 346	15
Observatory B	Oct. 4-10	Any Bull	EM	GMUs 340, 342	15
Goose Prairie B	Oct. 4-10	Any Bull	EM	GMUs 352, 356	17
Bethel C	Oct. 4-10	Any Bull	EM	GMU 360	11
Rimrock C	Oct. 4-10	Any Bull	EM	GMU 364	16
Cowiche C	Oct. 4-10	Any Bull	EM	GMU 368	10
Margaret C	Oct. 4-10	3 Pt. Min.	WM	GMU 524	5
Toutle C	Oct. 4-10	3 Pt. Min.	WM	GMU 556	15
Olympic B	Oct. 4-10	3 Pt. Min.	WM	GMU 621	3
Skokomish B	Oct. 4-10	3 Pt. Min.	WM	GMU 636	2
Muzzleloader Permit Hunts (Only muzzleloader elk tag holders may apply.)					
Aladdin B	Oct. 4-10	Any Elk	EM	GMU 111	10

Selkirk B	Oct. 4-10	Any Elk	EM	GMU 113	10
Blue Creek B	Dec. 1, 2003-Jan. 31, 2004	Antlerless	EM	GMUs 149, 154	60
Columbia A	Dec. 1-31	Antlerless	EM	Elk Area 1011 and GMU 163	100
Columbia B	Jan. 1-31, 2004	Antlerless	EM	Elk Area 1011 and GMU 163	100
Columbia C	Dec. 20-Jan. 31, 2004	Antlerless	EM	Elk Area 1012 and GMU 149	60
West Bar C	Oct. 1-10	Antlerless	EM	GMU 330	10
Teanaway D	Oct. 4-10	Antlerless	EM	GMU 335	50
Taneum B	Oct. 4-10	Antlerless	EM	GMU 336	150
Manastash B	Oct. 4-10	Antlerless	EM	GMU 340	150
Umtanum B	Oct. 4-10	Antlerless	EM	GMU 342	300
Nile B	Oct. 4-10	Antlerless	EM	GMU 352	50
Bumping B	Oct. 4-10	Antlerless	EM	GMU 356	100
Bethel D	Oct. 4-10	Antlerless	EM	GMU 360	50
Cowiche D	Oct. 4-10	Antlerless	EM	GMU 368	250
Alkali B	Oct. 4-10	Any Elk	EM	GMU 371	50
Stella A	Nov. 26-Dec. 15	Antlerless	WM	GMU 504	75
Stella B	Jan. 1-16, 2004	Antlerless	WM	GMU 504	50
Toledo A	Jan. 1-16, 2004	Antlerless	WM	Elk Area 5029	30
Malaga G	Oct. 4-24	Antlerless	EM	Elk Area 2032	100
Malaga H	Oct. 4-24	Any Elk	EM	Elk Area 2032	10
Mossyrock A	Jan. 1-16, 2004	Antlerless	WM	Elk Area 5052	20
Randle A	Jan. 1-16, 2004	Antlerless	WM	Elk Area 5053	15
Boistfort	Jan. 1-16, 2004	Antlerless	WM	Elk Area 5054	40
Willapa Hills B	Nov. 19-Dec. 14	Antlerless	WM	GMU 506	15
Green Mt A	Jan. 1-16, 2004	Antlerless	WM	Elk Area 5051	30
Winston B	Nov. 19-Dec. 14	Antlerless	WM	GMU 520	3
Margaret D	Nov. 19-Dec. 14	Antlerless	WM	GMU 524	5
Ryderwood B	Oct. 4-10	Antlerless	WM	GMU 530	8
Coweman B	Nov. 19-Dec. 14	Antlerless	WM	GMU 550	5
Toutle D	Nov. 19-Dec. 14	Antlerless	WM	GMU 556	10
Marble B	Oct. 4-10	Antlerless	WM	GMU 558	10
Lewis River B	Oct. 4-10	Antlerless	WM	GMU 560	15
Siouxon B	Oct. 4-10	Antlerless	WM	GMU 572	10
Yale	Nov. 26-Dec. 15	3 Pt. Min. or Antlerless	WM	GMU 554	75
Twin Satsop C	Oct. 6-10	Antlerless	WM	Elk Area 6061	10
North River	Nov. 26-Dec. 15	Antlerless	WM	GMU 658	20
North Minot B	Oct. 6-10	Antlerless	WM	Elk Area 6067	60
Raymond E	Oct. 1-31	Antlerless	WM	Elk Area 6010	30
Chehalis Valley	Jan. 1-31, 2004	Antlerless	WM	Elk Area 6066	15
Capitol Peak B	Nov. 19-Dec. 15	Antlerless	WM	GMU 663	10

Archery Permit Hunts (Only archery elk tag holders may apply.)					
Note-Fire closures may limit access during September seasons.					
Wenaha C	Sept. 2-15	Any Bull	EA	GMU 169	2
Mountain View C	Sept. 2-15	Any Bull	EA	GMU 172	5
Naneum C	Sept. 2-15	Any Bull	EA	GMU 328	35
Quilomene C	Sept. 2-15	Any Bull	EA	GMU 329	12
Teanaway E	Sept. 2-15	Any Bull	EA	GMU 335	35
Peaches Ridge C	Sept. 2-15	Any Bull	EA	GMUs 336, 346	126
Observatory C	Sept. 2-15	Any Elk	EA	GMUs 340, 342	71
Goose Prairie C	Sept. 2-15	Any Bull	EA	GMUs 352, 356	267
Bethel E	Sept. 2-15	Any Bull	EA	GMU 360	62
Rimrock D	Sept. 2-15	Any Bull	EA	GMU 364	117
Cowiche E	Sept. 2-15	Any Bull	EA	GMU 368	27
Peshastin G	Sept. 2-15	Any Elk	EA	Elk Area 2033	20
Margaret E	Sept. 2-15	3 Pt. Min.	WA	GMU 524	12
Toutle E	Sept. 2-15	3 Pt. Min.	WA	GMU 556	61
Olympic C	Sept. 2-15	3 Pt. Min.	WA	GMU 621	10
Mashel A	Jan. 1-15, 2004	Antlerless	WA	Elk Area 6054	40

Skokomish C	Sept. 2-15	3 Pt. Min.	WA	GMU 636	3
Dungeness E	Sept. 2-15	Any Elk	WA	Elk Area 6071	20
Dungeness F	Sept. 16-30	Any Elk	WA	Elk Area 6071	20
Dungeness G	Jan. 1-15, 2004	Any Elk	WA	Elk Area 6071	20
Dungeness H	Feb 1-15, 2004	Any Elk	WA	Elk Area 6071	20

Advanced Hunter Education (AHE) Graduate Special Elk Permit Hunts (only AHE graduates may apply).					
Toledo B	Jan. 17-31, 2004	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 5029	20
Colockum A	Oct 4-10	Antlerless	EM	Elk Area 3028 excluding Arthur Coffin Game Reserve	40
Colockum B	Nov. 8-14	Antlerless	EF	Elk Area 3028 excluding Arthur Coffin Game Reserve	40
Mossyrock B	Jan. 17-31, 2004	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 5052	20
Randle B	Jan. 17-31, 2004	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 5053	15
Quinault Ridge	Oct. 1-10	3-Pt. Min or Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	GMU 638	5
Green Mt B	Jan 17-31, 2004	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 5051	20
Merwin A	Nov 26-Dec 15	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 5055	10
Merwin B	Jan 17-31, 2004	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 5055	10
Grays River A	Sept 15-30	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 5056	10
Grays River B	Oct. 1-15	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 5056	10
Grays River C	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 5056	10
Grays River D	Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 5056	10
Grays River E	Jan. 1-15, 2004	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 5056	10
Grays River F	Jan. 16-31, 2004	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 5056	10
Grays River G	Feb. 1-14, 2004	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 5056	10
Grays River H	Feb. 15-29, 2004	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 5056	10
Persons of Disability Only - Special Elk Permit Hunts					
Observatory D	Oct 20-Nov. 2	Any Elk	EF or EM	GMUs 340, 342	6
Little Naches C	Oct. 1-10	Any Elk	EF, EM, EA	GMU 346	6
Little Naches D	Oct. 29-Nov. 2	Antlerless	EF, EM, EA	GMU 346	10
Centralia Mine A	Oct. 26-27	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 6011	2
Centralia Mine B	Nov. 2-3	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 6011	2
North Shore B	Oct. 1-31	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 6068	5
North Shore C	Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 6068	5
North Shore D	Jan. 1-31, 2004	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 6068	5
North Shore E	Feb. 1-28, 2004	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 6068	5
Chehalis Valley F	Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	Any Elk Tag	Elk Area 6066	15

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 232-28-279 2000-2002 Elk general seasons and 2001-2002 special permits



**PROPOSED RULE MAKING
(RCW 34.05.320)**

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**Do NOT use for expedited
rule making**

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife

- ☒ Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 03-02-102; or
☐ Expedited Rule Making -- Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or
☐ Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).

- ☒ Original Notice
☐ Supplemental Notice
to WSR _____
☐ Continuance of WSR _____

(a) Title of rule: (Describe Subject)

Purpose:

Adopt WAC: 232-28-351 2003-2005 Deer general seasons and 2003 special permits

Repeal WAC: 232-28-278 2000-2002 Deer general seasons and 2003 special permits

Other identifying information: none

(b) Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.12.047

Statute being implemented: RCW 77.12.047

(c) Summary:

This WAC establishes deer general seasons for the 2003-05 hunting season timeframe. In addition, deer special permits are being set for 2003. Repeals obsolete WAC.

Reasons supporting proposal:

Maintain general season opportunities. Adjust special permits in response to population changes and damage complaints.

(d) Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for:	Office Location	Telephone
1. Drafting.....Dave Brittell, Assistant Director	NRB-Olympia	360.902.2504
2. Implementation.... Dave Brittell, Assistant Director	NRB-Olympia	360.902.2504
3. Enforcement..... Bruce Bjork, Assistant Director	NRB-Olympia	360.902.2932

(e) Name of proponent (person or organization): Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission

- ☐ Private
☐ Public
☒ Governmental

(f) Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement and fiscal matters:
None

(g) Is rule necessary because of:

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| Federal Law? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | If yes, ATTACH COPY OF TEXT
Citation: |
| Federal Court Decision? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | |
| State Court Decision? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | |

(h) HEARING LOCATION:

Moses Lake Convention Center
1475 Nelson Road, Moses Lake, Washington 98837

Date: April 11-12, 2003 Time: 8:00 a.m.

Assistance for persons with disabilities:

Contact Susan Yeager by 4/7/03

TDD (360) 902-2207 or (360) 902-2267

NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

Evan Jacoby

SIGNATURE

TITLE

Rules Coordinator

DATE

3/5/03

Submit written comments to:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Attn: Dave Brittell
600 Capitol Way North
Olympia, WA 98501-1091
FAX (360) 902-2162 By (date) 3/25/03

DATE OF INTENDED ADOPTION: April 11, 2003

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(j) Short explanation of rule, its purpose, and anticipated effects:
Provides recreational opportunity and protects deer from overharvest.

Does proposal change existing rules? ☒ YES ☐ NO If yes, describe changes:
Adjustments in season length, timing of seasons, and bag limits to reflect changes in wildlife resource availability while maintaining a recreational harvest.

(k) Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

☐ Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.
A copy of the statement may be obtained by writing to:

telephoning: ()
faxing: ()

☒ No. Explain why no statement was prepared
These rules regulate recreational hunters and do not directly regulate small business.

(l) Does RCW 34.05.328 apply to this rule adoption? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Please explain: Not hydraulics rules.

NEW SECTION

WAC 232-28-351 2003-2005 Deer general seasons and 2003 special permits.

Bag Limit: One (1) deer per hunter during the 2003 hunting season except where otherwise permitted by Fish and Wildlife Commission rule.

Hunting Method: Hunters must select one of the hunting methods (modern firearm, archery, muzzleloader).

Any Buck Deer Seasons: Open only to the taking of deer with visible antlers (buck fawns illegal).

Branched Antler Restrictions: APPLIES TO ALL HUNTERS DURING ANY GENERAL SEASON! Buck deer taken in these GMUs must meet minimum antler point requirements. Minimum antler point requirements are antler points on one side only. Antler points include eye guards but all antler points must be at least one inch long. The following GMUs have 2 or 3 point minimum requirements on buck deer taken.

2 Point minimum GMUs: 437, 558, 574, 578, 588, 636, 654, and 681.

3 Point minimum GMUs: All Mule Deer in 100, 200, and 300 series GMUs; Whitetail Deer in GMUs 127, 130, 133, 136, 139, 142, 145, 149, 154, 162, 163, 166, 169, 172, 175, 178, 181, and 186.

Permit Only Units: The following GMUs are closed during general seasons: 290 (Desert), 329 (Quilomene), 371 (Alkali), and 485 (Green River).

Private Lands Wildlife Management Areas (PLWMAs): Buckrun (PLWMA 201), Kapowsin (PLWMA 401), and Merrill and Ring (PLWMA 600) are closed to hunting, except by permit or written permission from the landowner.

GMUs Closed to Deer Hunting: 157 (Mill Creek Watershed), 490 (Cedar River), and 522 (Loo-wit).

Blacktail Deer: Any member of blacktail/mule deer (species *Odocoileus hemionus*) found west of a line drawn from the Canadian border south on the Pacific Crest Trail and along the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary in Yakima County to Klickitat County and in Klickitat County west of Highway 97.

Mule Deer: Any member of blacktail/mule deer (species *Odocoileus hemionus*) found east of a line drawn from the Canadian border south on the Pacific Crest Trail and along the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary in Yakima County to Klickitat County and in Klickitat County east of Highway 97.

Whitetail Deer: Means any whitetail deer (member of the species *Odocoileus virginianus*) except the Columbian Whitetail Deer (species *Odocoileus virginianus leucurus*).

MODERN FIREARM DEER SEASONS

License Required: A valid big game hunting license, which includes a deer species option.

Tag Required: Valid modern firearm deer tag on his/her person for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: Modern firearm deer tag hunters may use rifle, handgun, shotgun, bow or muzzleloader, but only during modern firearm seasons.

Hunt Season	2003 Dates	2004 Dates	2005 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
HIGH BUCK HUNTS					
	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Alpine Lakes, Glacier Peak, Pasayten and Olympic Peninsula Wilderness Areas and Lake Chelan Recreation Area and that part of the Henry Jackson Wilderness Area west of the Pacific Crest Trail	3 pt. min.

GENERAL SEASON HUNTS						
Western Washington Blacktail Deer	Oct. 11-31	Oct. 16-31	Oct. 15-31	407, 418, 426, 448 through 466, 501 through 520, 524 through 556, 560, 568, 572, 601 through 633, 638 through 673, 684	Any buck	
				410, 564	Any deer	
				437, 558, 574, 578, 588, 636, 654, 681	2 pt. min.	
Eastern Washington Whitetail Deer	Oct. 11-24	Oct. 16-29	Oct. 15-28	101 through 124	Option A: Any Whitetail Buck	Option B: Whitetail, 3 pt. Min.
				203 through 247, and 249 through 251		
	Oct. 11-19	Oct. 16-24	Oct. 15-23	127 through 154, 162 through 186	Whitetail, 3 pt. min.	
				248, 254 through 381 except closed in GMUs 290, 329, 371 and PLWMA 201	Any whitetail buck	
				Deer Area 3081	Any White-tailed Deer	
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	Oct. 11-19	Oct. 16-24	Oct. 15-23	All 100 and 300 series GMUs, 248, and 254 through 284, except closed in GMUs 157, 329, and 371	3 pt. min.	
				Deer Area 3081	Any Mule Deer	
	Oct. 11-24	Oct. 16-29	Oct. 15-28	203 through 247 and 249 through 251	Mule deer 3 pt. min.	
LATE BUCK HUNTS						
Western Washington Blacktail Deer	Nov. 13-16	Nov. 18-21	Nov. 17-20	All 400, 500, and 600 GMUs except closed in GMUs 418, 426, 437, 448, 450, 460, 522, 574, 578, and 588	Any buck except 2 pt. min. in GMUs 558, 636, 654, 681 and any deer in GMUs 410 and 564	
Eastern Washington Whitetail Deer	Nov. 3-19	Nov. 8-19	Nov. 7-19	105 through 124	Option A: Any whitetail buck	Option B: Whitetail, 3 pt. min.
YOUTH & DISABLED HUNTERS						
Eastern Washington Whitetail Deer	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	Oct. 30-Nov 7	Oct. 29-Nov. 6	105 through 124	Whitetail, Antlerless Only	
HUNTERS 65 AND OVER, DISABLED, OR YOUTH SEASONS						
Eastern Washington Whitetail Deer	Oct. 11-24	Oct 16-29	Oct. 15-28	101 through 124	Any whitetail deer	
	Oct. 11-19	Oct. 16-24	Oct. 15-23	127 through 142, 145 through 154, 162, 163, and 172 through 181	Whitetail-3 pt. min. or antlerless	
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	Oct. 11-19	Oct. 16-24	Oct. 15-23	142	Mule deer, 3 pt. min. or antlerless	
ADVANCED HUNTER EDUCATION (AHE) GRADUATE SEASON						
Eastern Washington Whitetail Deer	Dec. 9-15	Dec. 9-15	Dec. 9-15	GMUs 130-142	Whitetail-Antlerless only	
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	Dec. 9-15	Dec. 9-15	Dec. 9-15	GMU 142	Mule Deer-Antlerless only	

ARCHERY DEER SEASONS

License Required: A valid big game hunting license, which includes a deer species option.

Tag Required: Valid archery deer tag on his/her person for the area hunted.

Special Notes: Archery tag holders can only hunt during archery seasons with archery equipment.

Hunt Area	2003 Dates	2004 Dates	2005 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
Early Archery Deer Seasons					
Western Washington Blacktail Deer	Sept. 2-30	Sept. 7-30	Sept. 6-30	407 through 426, 448 through 466, 501 through 520, 524 through 556, 560, 568, 572, 601 through 633, 638 through 653, 658 through 673, 684 and 699.	Any Deer, except buck only in GMUs 503, 506, 530, 550, 568, 673
				437, 558, 574, 578, 588, 636, 654, 681	2 pt. min. or antlerless

				Alpine Lakes, Glacier Peak, and Olympic Peninsula Wilderness Areas	3 pt. min. or antlerless	
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	Sept. 2-30	Sept. 7-30	Sept. 6-30	105 through 127, 243 through 247, 249 through 251, 260, 262,	3 pt. min.	
				142 through 154, and 162 through 186 328, 334 through 340, 346 through 368, 372	3 pt. min. or antlerless	
				381	Any Mule Deer	
	Sept. 2-15	Sept. 7-15	Sept. 6-15	101, 130 through 139, 204 through 242, 248, 254, 266, 269, 272, 278, 284, 382	3 pt. min.	
	Sept. 16-30	Sept. 16-30	Sept. 16-30	101, 130 through 139, 204 through 242, 248, 254, 266, 269, 272, 278, 284, 382	3 pt. min. or antlerless	
Eastern Washington Whitetail Deer	Sept. 2-30	Sept. 7-30	Sept. 6-30	101 through 124,	Option A: Any whitetail deer	Option B: 3 pt. min. or antlerless
				204 through 284	Any whitetail deer	
				127 through 154, 162 through 186	Whitetail, 3 pt. min. or antlerless	
Late Archery Deer Seasons						
Western Washington Blacktail Deer	Nov.19-Dec. 8	Nov. 24-Dec. 8	Nov. 23-Dec. 8	437, 588, 654	2 pt. min. or antlerless	
	Nov. 19-Dec. 15	Nov. 24-Dec. 15	Nov. 23-Dec. 15	636, 681	2 pt. min. or antlerless	
				558	2 pt. min.	
				460, 466, 506 through 520, 524, 530, 556, 560, 572, 601, 607 through 618, 638, 648, and 699	Any deer, except buck only in GMUs 506, 530	
	Nov. 19-Dec. 31	Nov. 24-Dec. 31	Nov. 23-Dec. 31	407, 410, 454, 505, 603, 624, 627, 642, 652, 660 through 667	Any deer	
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	209, 215, 233, 243, 247, 250	3 pt. min.	
				145, 163, 178	Antlerless	
				272, 346, 352, 364, 368	3 pt. min. or antlerless	
Eastern Washington Whitetail Deer	Nov. 10-Dec. 15	Nov. 10-Dec. 15	Nov. 10-Dec. 15	101	Any Whitetail	
	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	204, 209, 215, 233, 243, 247, 250, 272	Any Whitetail	
				127, 145, 163, 178	3 pt. min. or antlerless whitetail	
				117, 121, 124	Any Whitetail	

MUZZLELOADER DEER SEASONS

License Required: A valid big game hunting license, which includes a deer species option.

Tag Required: Valid muzzleloader deer tag on his/her person for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: Muzzleloader only.

Special Notes: Muzzleloader tag holders can only hunt during muzzleloader seasons and must hunt with muzzleloader equipment.

Hunt Area	2003 Dates	2004 Dates	2005 Dates	Game Management Units	Legal Deer
High Buck Hunts	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Alpine Lakes, Glacier Peak, Pasayten and Olympic Peninsula Wilderness Areas, Lake Chelan Recreation Area and that part of the Henry Jackson Wilderness Area west of the Pacific Crest Trail.	3 pt. min.
Early Muzzleloader Deer Seasons					

Western Washington Blacktail Deer	Oct. 4-10	Oct. 2-8	Oct. 1-7	407, 418, 426, 448, 450, 501, 504, 505, 513, 520, 530, 554, 568, 603, 612, 624, 627, 638, 642, 660, 663, 672, 673, 684	Any buck	
				410, 454, 564, 652, 666	Any deer	
				437, 578	2 pt. min.	
Eastern Washington Whitetail Deer	Oct. 4-10	Oct. 2-8	Oct. 1-7	204, 209, 233, 239, 243, 244, 245, 246, 250, 251, 278, 284,	Whitetail, any buck	
				133, 142, 145, 149, 181, 381	Whitetail, 3 pt. min., or antlerless	
				101, 108, 111, 117, 121, 124	Option A: Whitetail, any deer	Option B: 3 pt. min. or antlerless
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	Oct. 4-10	Oct. 2-8	Oct. 1-7	101, 108, 111, 117, 121, 124, 133, 204, 209, 233, 239, 243, 244, 245, 246, 250, 251, 278, 284, 328 through 342, 352 through 360, 368, 382	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	
				142, 145, 149, 181, 381	Mule deer, 3 pt. min. or antlerless	
Late Muzzleloader Deer Seasons						
Western Washington Blacktail Deer	Nov. 19-Dec. 15	Nov. 24-Dec. 15	Nov. 23- Dec. 15	410, 501, 504, 564, 633, 651, 666, 673, 684, and Deer Area 4926	Any deer	
				654	2 pt. min.	
				407, 460, 550, 602	Any buck	
	Nov. 19-Dec. 8	Nov. 24-Dec. 8	Nov. 23-Dec. 8	578	2 pt. min.	
Eastern Washington Whitetail Deer	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	113	Option A: Whitetail, any deer	Option B: 3 pt. min. or antlerless
				130, 139, 172, 181	Whitetail, 3 pt. min. or antlerless	
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	381, 382	3 pt. min.	

FIREARM RESTRICTED DEER HUNTS OPEN TO ALL DEER HUNTERS

License Required: Hunting license.

Tag Required: Valid modern firearm, archery or muzzleloader deer tag on his/her person for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: Must use weapon in compliance with tag. Firearm restrictions apply in some GMUs. In firearm restriction areas, modern firearm hunters may hunt with a muzzleloader equipped with a scope.

Firearm Restricted Hunts Open To All Deer Hunters					
Hunting license and deer tag required. Must use hunting method in compliance with tag. Check firearm restrictions. Archery, shotgun, muzzleloader or revolver type handgun only. Hunter orange required.					
Hunt Area	2003 Dates	2004 Dates	2005 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
Western Washington Blacktail Deer	Oct. 11-31	Oct. 16-31	Oct. 15-31	410, Vashon and Maury Islands	Any deer
	Nov. 19-Dec. 31	Nov. 24-Dec. 13	Nov. 23-Dec. 31	564	Any deer
	Sept. 1-Dec. 31	Sept. 1-Dec. 31	Sept. 1-Dec. 31	Indian Island. Restricted Access.*	Any deer
.*Archery only except for one day persons of disability hunt. Archers must qualify during the June to August period to hunt. For information call Bill Kalina at (360) 396-5353.					

SPECIAL DEER PERMIT HUNTING SEASONS

Open to Permit Holders Only)

Hunters must purchase a deer hunting license prior to purchase of a permit application.

Hunt Name	2003 Permit Season	Special Restrictions	Boundary Description	2003 Permits
Modern Firearm Deer Permit Hunts (Only modern firearm deer tag holders may apply)				
Hunters may hunt only with weapon in compliance with tag.				
Sherman	Oct. 11-24	Whitetail, Antlerless	GMU 101	100

Kelly Hill A	Oct. 11-24 & Nov. 10-19	Whitetail, Antlerless	GMU 105	150
Kelly Hill B	Nov. 26-30	Whitetail, any deer	GMU 105	15
Douglas A	Oct. 11-24 & Nov. 10-19	Whitetail, Antlerless	GMU 108	250
Douglas B	Nov. 26-30	Whitetail, any deer	GMU 108	15
Aladdin A	Oct 11-24 & Nov. 10-19	Whitetail, Antlerless	GMU 111	100
Aladdin B	Nov. 26-30	Whitetail, Any Deer	GMU 111	25
Selkirk	Oct 11-24 & Nov. 10-19	Whitetail, Antlerless	GMU 113	50
49 Degrees North	Oct. 11-24 & Nov. 10-19	Whitetail, Antlerless	GMU 117	200
Huckleberry A	Oct. 11-24 & Nov. 10-19	Whitetail, Antlerless	GMU 121	700
Mt. Spokane A	Oct. 11-24 & Nov. 10-19	Whitetail, Antlerless	GMU 124	400
Mica Peak A	Oct. 11-24	Whitetail, Antlerless	GMU 127	200
Cheney A	Oct. 11-24	Antlerless	GMU 130	200
Spokane	Nov. 10-19	Whitetail, 3pt. min or antlerless	GMUs 127 and 130	175
Roosevelt	Oct. 11-24	Antlerless	GMU 133	400
Harrington	Oct. 11-24	Antlerless	GMU 136	125
Lincoln	Nov. 10-19	Whitetail, 3 pt. Min. or Antlerless	GMUs 133 and 136	75
Steptoe	Oct. 11-24 & Nov. 10-19	Antlerless	GMU 139	300
Almota A	Oct. 11-24 & Nov. 10-19	Antlerless	GMU 142	250
Whitman A	Nov. 10-19	Whitetail, 3pt. min. or antlerless	GMUs 139 and 142	175
Mayview A	Oct. 11-19	Antlerless	GMU 145	350
Mayview B	Nov. 3-16	Antlerless	GMU 145	350
Prescott A	Nov. 3-16	Antlerless	GMU 149	400
Prescott B	Nov. 3-16	Antlerless	Deer Area 1020	150
Blue Creek	Nov. 3-16	Whitetail, Antlerless	GMU 154	225
Dayton A	Nov. 3-16	Whitetail, Antlerless	GMU 162	350
Dayton B	Nov. 3-16	Antlerless	Deer Area 1010	50
Marengo A	Nov. 3-16	Whitetail, Antlerless	GMU 163	250
Marengo B	Nov. 3-16	Antlerless	GMU 163	75
Peola	Nov. 3-16	Antlerless	GMU 178	75
Blue Mtns. Foothills A	Nov. 3-19	Whitetail 3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMUs 149, 154, 162-166	100
Blue Mtns. Foothills B	Nov. 3-19	Whitetail 3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMUs 145, 172-181	50
Couse	Nov. 3-16	Antlerless	GMU 181	50
East Okanogan A	Nov. 1-18	Any Whitetail	GMU 204	100
West Okanogan	Nov. 1-18	Any Whitetail	GMUs 218-242	100
Sinlahekin A	Nov. 1-18	Any Whitetail	GMU 215	50
Sinlahekin B	Nov. 1-18	Antlerless, Whitetail	GMU 215	50
Chewuch A	Nov. 1-18	Any Buck	GMU 218	15
Pearrygin A	Nov. 1-18	Any Buck	GMU 224	20
Gardner A	Nov. 1-18	Any Buck	GMU 231	15
Pogue A	Nov. 1-18	Any Buck	GMU 233	10
Chiliwist A	Nov. 1-18	Any Buck	GMU 239	15
Alta A	Nov. 1-18	Any Buck	GMU 242	15
Manson	Nov. 1-18	Any Buck	GMU 243	5
Chiwawa A	Nov. 1-18	Any Buck	GMU 245	40
Slide Ridge A	Nov. 1-18	Any Buck	GMU 246	15
Entiat A	Nov. 1-18	Any Buck	GMU 247	50
Big Bend A	Oct. 11-19	Antlerless	GMU 248	75
Big Bend B	Nov. 1-18	Antlerless	GMU 248	75
Swakane A	Nov. 1-18	Any Buck	GMU 250	45
Mission A	Nov. 1-18	Any Buck	GMU 251	30
Mission B	Oct. 11-24	Antlerless	GMU 251	125
St. Andrews	Oct. 11-19	Antlerless	GMU 254	75
Foster Creek A	Oct. 11-19	Antlerless	GMU 260	150
Foster Creek B	Nov. 1-18	Antlerless	GMU 260	150
Withrow A	Oct. 11-19	Antlerless	GMU 262	75
Badger	Nov. 1-18	Antlerless	GMU 266	100
Ritzville (Kahlotus) A	Nov. 1-18	3 pt. Min. or antlerless	GMU 284	30
Desert A	Nov. 1-18	Any Deer	GMU 290	17
Desert B	Dec. 1-7	Antlerless	GMU 290	50
Lakeview A	Dec. 9-Jan 31, 2004	Antlerless	Deer Area 2011	30
Naneum	Oct. 11-19	Antlerless	GMU 328	30
Quilomene A	Nov. 1-18	Any Buck	GMU 329	80
Teanaway A	Oct. 11-19	Antlerless	GMU 335	30
Taneum	Oct. 11-19	Antlerless	GMU 336	20
Nile A	Oct. 11-19	Antlerless	GMU 352	20
Bethel A	Nov. 3-16	Any Buck	GMU 360	10
Cowiche A	Oct. 11-19	Antlerless	GMU 368	20
Cowiche B	Nov. 3-16	Any Buck	GMU 368	15
Alkali A	Nov. 27-Dec. 6	Any Buck	GMU 371	75

Alkali B	Nov. 27-Dec. 6	Antlerless	GMU 371	80
Whitman B	Sept. 6-14	Antlerless	Deer Area 3071	5
East Klickitat A	Oct. 11-19	3 Pt. Min. or Antlerless	GMU 382	40
Sauk	Nov. 13-16	2 Pt. Min.	GMU 437	25
Stillaguamish	Nov. 13-16	2 Pt. Min.	GMU 448	10
Snoqualmie	Nov. 13-16	Any Buck	GMU 460	25
Green River A	Oct. 25-31	Any Buck	GMU 485	10
Lincoln A	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 501	40
Stella A	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 504	35
Mossyrock A	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 505	85
Stormking A	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 510	30
South Rainier A	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 513	30
Packwood A	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 516	50
Winston A	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 520	50
Yale A	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 554	15
Toutle A	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 556	25
Marble A	Oct. 11-31	2 Pt. Min. or Antlerless	GMU 558	20
Lewis River A	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 560	35
Siouxon A	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 572	35
Wind River A	Oct. 11-31	2 Pt. Min. or Antlerless	GMU 574	10
Wind River B	Nov. 13-16	2 Pt. Min.	GMU 574	35
West Klickitat A	Oct. 11-31	2 Pt. Min. or Antlerless	GMU 578	30
West Klickitat B	Nov. 13-16	2 Pt. Min.	GMU 578	45
Grayback A	Oct. 11-31	2 Pt. Min. or Antlerless	GMU 588	125
Grayback B	Nov. 13-16	2 Pt. Min.	GMU 588	65
Pysht	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 603	15
Olympic	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 621	35
Kitsap	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 627	20
Skokomish	Oct. 11-31	2 Pt. Min. or Antlerless	GMU 636	80
Wynoochee A	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 648	110
Wynoochee B	Nov. 1-11	Any Buck	GMU 648	10
Satsop A	Nov. 1-11	Any Buck	GMU 651	10
North River A	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 658	70
Minot Peak	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 660	90
Capitol Peak A	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 663	30
Capitol Peak B	Nov. 1-11	Any Buck	GMU 663	10
Deschutes	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 666	80
Skookumchuck A	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 667	160
Skookumchuck B	Nov. 1-11	Any Buck	GMU 667	10

Muzzleloader Only Deer Permit Hunts (Only muzzleloader tag holders may apply.)				
Cheney B	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Mule deer 3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMU 130	75
Blue Mtn. Foothills C	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Whitetail, 3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMUs 149, 154, 162, 166	60
Green Bluff	Dec. 9-31	Whitetail, Antlerless	That portion of GMU 124 east of Hwy 2	90
Wannacut A	Nov. 1 – 18	Antlerless	GMU 209	50
Chiwawa B	Dec. 1-31	Any Buck	GMU 245	15
Foster Creek C	Dec. 1 – 31	Antlerless	GMU 260	200
Moses Coulee A	Nov. 1 – 18	Any Buck	GMU 269	20
Moses Coulee B	Dec. 1 – 31	Antlerless	GMU 269	100
Ritzville (Kahlotus) B	Nov. 9-30	Mule Deer: 3 pt or antlerless; Any White-tailed deer	GMU 284	30
Hooper	Dec. 1 -Dec 31	Antlerless	Deer Area 2010	20
Lakeview B	Nov. 1- 18	Antlerless	Deer Area 2011	10
Desert C	Oct. 19-27	Any Deer	GMU 290	8
Quilomene B	Oct. 4-10	Any Buck	GMU 329	10
Teanaway B	Oct. 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 335	25
Manastash	Oct. 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 340	25
Cowiche C	Oct. 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 368	10
Alkali C	Dec. 7-14	Any Buck	GMU 371	10
Alkali D	Dec. 7-14	Antlerless	GMU 371	15
Esquatzel A	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Any Deer	GMU 381	100
East Klickitat B	Nov. 22-30	3 Pt. Min or Antlerless	GMU 382	5
West Klickitat B	Nov. 19-Dec. 8	2 Pt. Min. or Antlerless	GMU 578	30
Mossyrock B	Oct. 4-10	Any Deer	GMU 505	10
Stormking B	Oct. 4-10	Any Deer	GMU 510	5
South Rainier B	Oct. 4-10	Any Deer	GMU 513	5
Packwood B	Oct. 4-10	Any Deer	GMU 516	5
Winston B	Oct. 4-10	Any Deer	GMU 520	5
YaleB	Oct. 4-10	Any Deer	GMU 554	2

Toutle B	Oct. 4-10	Any Deer	GMU 556	3
Marble B	Oct. 4-10	2 pt. min. or antlerless	GMU 558	2
Lewis River B	Oct. 4-10	Any Deer	GMU 560	5
Siouxon B	Oct. 4-10	Any Deer	GMU 572	5
Wind River C	Oct. 4-10	2 pt. min. or antlerless	GMU 574	1
Grayback C	Oct. 4-10	2 pt. min. or antlerless	GMU 588	15
North River B	Oct. 4-10	Any Deer	GMU 658	5

Archery Only Deer Permit Hunts (Only archery deer tag holders may apply.)

Chiwawa C	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Any Buck	GMU 245	10
Big Bend C	Nov. 20-Dec. 8	Any Deer	GMU 248	10
Desert D	Nov. 16-30	Any Deer	GMU 290	18
Quilomene C	Nov. 9-Dec. 2	Any Deer	GMU 329	100
Alkali E	Dec. 15-28	Any Deer	GMU 371	76
Washougal A	Sept. 15-30	Any Deer	GMU 568	30

Special Deer Permit Hunts for Hunters 65 or older.

Blue Mtns. Foothills B	Oct. 11-19	3 Pt. Min. or Antlerless	GMUs 145, 149	150
East Okanogan B	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 204	10
Wannacut B	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 209	10
Sinlahekin C	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 215	10
Chewuch B	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 218	10
Pearrygin B	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 224	10
Gardner B	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 231	10
Pogue B	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 233	10
Chiliwist B	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 239	10
Alta B	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 242	10
Mission C	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 251	10
North Douglas A	Oct. 11-19	Any Deer	GMU 248, 260	10
South Douglas A	Oct. 11-19	Any Deer	GMU 266, 269	10
Quilomene D	Nov. 3-16	Antlerless	GMU 329	20
Umtanum A	Nov. 3-16	Antlerless	GMU 342	20
Bethel B	Oct. 11-19	Antlerless	GMU 360	10
Kiona A	Oct. 11-19	Antlerless	GMU 372	15
Esquatzel B	Oct. 11-19	Antlerless	GMU 381	10
East Klickitat C	Oct. 11-19	3 Pt. Min. or Antlerless	GMU 382	15
Lincoln B	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 501	5
Stella B	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 504	5
Mossyrock C	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 505	15
Stormking C	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 510	5
South Rainier C	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 513	5
Packwood C	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 516	5
Winston C	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 520	5
Yale C	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 554	5
Toutle C	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 556	10
Marble C	Oct. 11-31	2 Pt. Min. or Antlerless	GMU 558	5
Lewis River C	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 560	5
Washougal B	Oct. 11-19	Any Deer	GMU 568	10
Siouxon C	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 572	5
Wind River D	Oct. 11-31	2-Pt. Min. or Antlerless	GMU 574	2
West Klickitat C	Oct. 11-31	2-Pt. Min. or Antlerless	GMU 578	5
Grayback D	Oct. 11-31	2-Pt. Min. or Antlerless	GMU 588	20
Williams Creek	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 673	20
Copalis	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 642	20
North River CB	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 658	10

Disabled Hunter Deer Permits

East Okanogan C	Restricted to General, Early Season by Weapon Choice	Any Deer	GMU 204	5
Wannacut C		Any Deer	GMU 209	5
Sinlahekin D		Any Deer	GMU 215	5
Chewuch C		Any Deer	GMU 218	5
Pearrygin C		Any Deer	GMU 224	5
Gardner C		Any Deer	GMU 231	5
Pogue C		Any Deer	GMU 233	5
Chiliwist C		Any Deer	GMU 239	5
Alta C		Any Deer	GMU 242	5
Mission D		Any Deer	GMU 251	5
North Douglas B	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 248, 260	5

South Douglas B	Restricted to General, Early Season by Weapon Choice	Any Deer	GMU 266, 269	5
Quilomene E	Nov. 3-16	Antlerless	GMU 329	10
Umtanum B	Nov. 3-16	Antlerless	GMU 342	10
Nile B	Restricted to General, Early Season by Weapon Choice	Antlerless	GMU 352	5
Kiona B		Antlerless	GMU 372	10
Esquatzel C		Antlerless	GMU 381	5
East Klickitat D		3 pt. Min. or antlerless	GMU 382	5
Green River B		Any Deer	GMU 485	5
Lincoln C		Any Deer	GMU 501	3
Stella C		Any Deer	GMU 504	3
Mossyrock D		Any Deer	GMU 505	5
Stormking D		Any Deer	GMU 510	3
South Rainier D		Any Deer	GMU 513	3
Packwood D		Any Deer	GMU 516	3
Winston D		Any Deer	GMU 520	3
Yale D		Any Deer	GMU 554	3
Toutle D		Any Deer	GMU 556	5
Marble D		2-Pt. Min. or Antlerless	GMU 558	2
Lewis River D		Any Deer	GMU 560	2
Washougal C		Any Deer	GMU 568	2
Siouxon D		Any Deer	GMU 572	3
Wind River E		2-Pt. Min. or Antlerless	GMU 574	1
West Klickitat D		2-Pt. Min. or Antlerless	GMU 578	3
Grayback E		2-Pt. Min. or Antlerless	GMU 588	10
Capitol Peak C		Any Deer	GMU 663	30
Skookumchuck C		Any Deer	GMU 667	30
North River D		Any Deer	GMU 658	5

Youth Special Deer Permit Hunts (Must be eligible for the youth hunting license and accompanied by an adult during the hunt.)				
Modern Firearm				
Blue Mtns. Foothills E	Oct. 11-19	3 Pt. Min. or Antlerless	GMUs 149, 154, 162-163	100
Blue Mtns. Foothills F	Oct. 11-19	3 Pt. Min. or Antlerless	GMUs 145, 172-181	75
East Okanogan D	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 204	110
Wannacut D	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 209	20
Sinlahekin E	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 215	150
Chewuch D	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 218	200
Pearrygin D	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 224	100
Gardner D	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 231	60
Pogue D	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 233	60
Chiliwist D	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 239	60
Alta D	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 242	110
Mission E	Oct. 11-24	Any Deer	GMU 251	100
North Douglas C	Oct. 11-19	Any Deer	GMU 248, 260	100
South Douglas C	Oct. 11-19	Any Deer	GMU 266, 269	100
Lakeview C	Oct. 11-19	Any Deer	Deer Area 2011	10
Wahluke A	Oct. 11-19	Any Deer	GMU 278	50
Quilomene F	Nov. 3-16	Antlerless	GMU 329	75
Umtanum C	Nov. 3-16	Antlerless	GMU 342	75
Cowiche D	Oct. 11-19	Antlerless	GMU 368	15
Esquatzel D	Oct. 11-19	Antlerless	GMU 381	10
Paterson	Sept. 6-14	Antlerless	Deer Area 3072	5
East Klickitat E	Oct. 11-19	Any Deer	GMU 382	20
Lincoln D	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 501	10
Stella D	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 504	10
Mossyrock E	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 505	10
Stormking E	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 510	10
South Rainier E	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 513	10
Packwood E	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 516	10
Winston E	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 520	10
Yale E	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 554	10
Toutle E	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 556	60
Marble E	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 558	10
Lewis River E	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 560	10
Washougal D	Oct. 11-19	Any Deer	GMU 568	10
Siouxon E	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 572	10
Wind River F	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 574	15
West Klickitat E	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 578	15

Grayback F	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 588	30
Satsop B	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 651	10
Skookumchuck D	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 667	60
North River E	Oct. 11-31	Any Deer	GMU 658	10

Youth Special Deer Permit Hunts (Must be eligible for the youth hunting license and accompanied by an adult during the hunt.)				
Muzzleloader				
East Okanogan D	Oct 4-10	Any Deer	GMU 204	25
Wannacutt E	Oct 4-10	Any Deer	GMU 209	25
Pogue E	Oct 4-10	Any Deer	GMU 233	25
Chiliwist E	Oct 4-10	Any Deer	GMU 239	25
Mission F	Oct 4-10	Any Deer	GMU 251	20
Wahluke B	Oct 4-10	Any Deer	GMU 278	50
Ritzville (Kahlotus) C	Oct 4-10	Any Deer	GMU 284	50
Special Deer Permits – Second Deer “B” Tag				
(Open to all weapon groups during specified season. Successful applicants may purchase an appropriate second hunting license and tag for an antlerless animal only, within fifteen days of notification by the Department. Failure to purchase within fifteen days forfeits the opportunity for a second license.)				
Hunt Name	“B” Tag Season	Special Restrictions	Boundary Description	B-Tags
Huckleberry B	Restricted to General, Early Season by Weapon Choice	Whitetail, Antlerless	GMU 121	150
Mount Spokane B		Whitetail, Antlerless	GMU 124	400
Mica Peak B		Whitetail, Antlerless	GMU 127	100
Almota B		Antlerless	GMU 142	300
Islands		Antlerless	GMU 410	100
Vashon		Antlerless	Vashon and Maury Islands	100

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 232-28-278 2000-2002 Deer general seasons and 2001 special permits



**PROPOSED RULE MAKING
(RCW 34.05.320)**

CR-102 (7/22/01)
**Do NOT use for expedited
rule making**

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife

- ☒ Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 03-02-102; or
☐ Expedited Rule Making -- Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or
☐ Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).

- ☒ Original Notice
☐ Supplemental Notice
to WSR _____
☐ Continuance of WSR _____

(a) Title of rule: (Describe Subject)

Purpose:
Adopt WAC 232-12-045 Hunting equipment restrictions

Amend WACs 232-12-051 Muzzleloading firearms and 232-12-054 Archery requirements—Archery special use permits.
Other identifying information: none

(b) Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.12.047

Statute being implemented: RCW 77.12.047

(c) Summary:

WAC 232-12-045 Hunting equipment restrictions makes it illegal to use night vision equipment and laser sights to hunt deer and elk. The recommended changes to WACs 232-12-051 and 232-12-054 clarifies the seasons that are subject to muzzleloader equipment specifications and makes the minimum arrow weight 300 grains.

Reasons supporting proposal:

Restrictions on equipment technology are designed to constrain incremental improvements in hunting success that may affect season length or timing or other hunting restrictions. In addition, arrow weights above 300 grains are considered more effective in harvesting big game animals. These equipment regulations also address public interest in maintaining hunter ethics and fair chase.

(d) Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for:	Office Location	Telephone
1. Drafting.....Dave Brittell, Assistant Director	NRB-Olympia	360.902.2504
2. Implementation.... Dave Brittell, Assistant Director	NRB-Olympia	360.902.2504
3. Enforcement..... Bruce Bjork, Assistant Director	NRB-Olympia	360.902.2932

(e) Name of proponent (person or organization): Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission

- ☐ Private
☐ Public
☒ Governmental

(f) Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement and fiscal matters: None

(g) Is rule necessary because of:

Federal Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, ATTACH COPY OF TEXT
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Citation:
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

(h) HEARING LOCATION:

Moses Lake Convention Center
1475 Nelson Road, Moses Lake, Washington 98837

Date: April 11-12, 2003 Time: 8:00 a.m.

Assistance for persons with disabilities:
Contact Susan Yeager by 4/7/03

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Rules Coordinator

DATE

3/5/03

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FAX (360) 902-2162 By (date) 3/25/03

DATE OF INTENDED ADOPTION: April 11, 2003

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(j) Short explanation of rule, its purpose, and anticipated effects:

These rules describe lawful equipment for hunting game. The purpose of the recommended change is to regulate the use of certain types of equipment and clarify the seasons for muzzleloader equipment rules. The anticipated effect is to maintain longer hunting seasons.

Does proposal change existing rules? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, describe changes:

Night vision equipment and laser sights would be illegal for hunting deer and elk. The minimum arrow weight for hunting big game is 300 grains. Muzzleloader equipment regulations would be in effect during all muzzleloader hunting seasons.

(k) Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

☐ Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by writing to:

telephoning: ()

faxing: ()

☒ No. Explain why no statement was prepared

These rules regulate recreational hunters and do not directly regulate small business.

(l) Does RCW 34.05.328 apply to this rule adoption? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Please explain: Not hydraulics rules.

New Section

WAC 232-12-045 Hunting equipment restrictions

It is unlawful to hunt deer and elk with the aid of infrared night vision equipment or with laser sites (not to include range finders) capable of projecting a beam onto the target, while in possession or control of a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow.

WAC 232-12-051 Muzzleloading firearms. (1) It is unlawful to carry or possess any firearm during (~~special~~) muzzleloading seasons which does not meet the following specification for a muzzleloader. A muzzleloading firearm is loaded from the muzzle and uses black powder or a black powder substitute as recommended by the manufacturer for use in muzzleloading firearms. A muzzleloading firearm has a single or double barrel of at least 20 inches, rifled or smooth-bored. Ignition is to be wheel lock, matchlock, flintlock, or percussion using original style percussion caps that fit on the nipple and are exposed to the elements. Sights must be open, peep or of other open sight design. Fiber optic sights are legal. Telescopic sights or sights containing glass are prohibited. It is unlawful to have any electrical device or equipment attached to a muzzleloading firearm while hunting.

(2) A muzzleloading firearm used for deer must fire a single, nonjacketed lead projectile of nominal 40 caliber or larger, except that buckshot size #1 or larger may be used in a smoothbore of 60 caliber or larger.

(3) A muzzleloading firearm used for all other big game must fire a single, nonjacketed lead projectile of nominal 50 caliber or larger, or fire a single, nonjacketed lead projectile of at least 170 grains.

(4) This section shall not apply to the carrying of a handgun designed to be charged with black powder only.

(5) This section shall not apply to persons lawfully hunting game birds with a shotgun.

(6) Only one barrel of a double barrel muzzleloader may be charged with a load at any one time while hunting in a muzzleloading season except in specified firearm restricted areas.

WAC 232-12-054 Archery requirements--Archery special use permits. (1) Rules pertaining to all archery:

(a) It is unlawful for any person to carry or have in his possession any firearm while in the field archery hunting, during an archery season specified for that area.

(b) It is unlawful to have any electrical equipment or electric device(s) attached to the bow or arrow while hunting.

(c) It is unlawful to shoot a bow and arrow from a vehicle or from, across or along the maintained portion of a public highway, except persons with a disabled hunter permit may shoot from a vehicle if the hunter is in compliance with WAC 232-12-828.

(d) It is unlawful to use any device secured to or supported by the bow for the purpose of maintaining the bow at full draw or in a firing position, except persons with an archery special use permit may, during deer and elk archery seasons, use a device that stabilizes and holds a long bow, recurve bow, or compound bow at a full draw, and may use a mechanical or electrical release.

(e) It is unlawful to hunt wildlife with a crossbow.

(f) It is unlawful to hunt big game animals with any arrow that does not have a sharp broadhead, and the broadhead blade or blades are less than seven-eighths inch wide.

(g) It is unlawful to hunt big game animals with a broadhead blade unless the broadhead is unbarbed and completely closed at the back end of the blade or blades by a smooth, unbroken surface starting at maximum blade width forming a smooth line toward the feather end of the shaft and such line does not angle toward the point.

(2) Rules pertaining to long bow, recurve bow and compound bow archery:

(a) It is unlawful for any person to hunt big game animals with a bow that possesses less than 40 pounds of pull measured at twenty-eight inches or less draw length or has a greater than 65% reduction (let off) in holding weight at full draw.

(b) It is unlawful to hunt big game animals with any arrow measuring less than 20 inches in length or weighing less than 6 grains per pound of draw weight with a minimum arrow weight of 300 grains.

(3) Archery special use permits. An archery special use permit is available to a person who holds a valid big game combination package which includes deer or elk as a species option and who presents an archery special use permit application signed by a physician stating that the person's

disability is permanent and the person has a loss of use of one or both upper extremities, has a significant limitation in the use of an upper extremity, or has a permanent physical limitation, which loss or limitation substantially impairs the ability to safely hold, grasp or shoot a long bow, recurve bow or compound bow. The loss or limitation may be the result of, but not limited to, amputation, paralysis, diagnosed disease, or birth defect. The approved archery special use permit must be in the physical possession of the person while using adaptive archery equipment as described in subsection (1)(d) of this section to hunt deer or elk.